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West Side, Grand Rapids, Wis.

AN OLD SETTLER GONE.

Kentle Sampson Dies at Mendota After Long Illness.

Mrs. Jane Sampson, wife of the late A. B. Sampson, died at Mendota on Sunday after a sickness extending over several months. She was in her 85 year, and had lived in Wood County since 1836, when she came here from Green Bay with her husband.

There is no question but that Mrs. Sampson was the oldest resident of Wood County and could the present generation look backward and see the country as it existed in the days when she came here it is probable that they would be strongly impressed with the mighty changes that have taken place in those sixty-five years. From a trackless wilderness to a country composed of one vast aggregation of cities, towns and cultivated fields, is what has taken place in those years, and could the experiences of such a pioneer be put into print the volume would undoubtedly be a large one and as interesting as anything imaginable.

Mrs. Sampson leaves a son, H. A. Sampson of this city, to mourn her loss, her husband having died in 1890.

The funeral occurred on Wednesday, Rev. W. A. Peterson of the Methodist church, conducting the services.

Officers Elected.

The Royal Neighbors held their election of officers on Tuesday, December 17th, with the following result:

Oracle—Mrs. H. C. Timm.
Vice Oracle—Mrs. Lambertson.
Past Oracle—Mrs. A. D. Hill.
Chancellor—Mrs. Fred Bossert.
Recorder—Mrs. Geo. Huntington.
Receiver—Mrs. John Alpine.
Marshal—Mrs. W. G. Scott.
A. Marshall—Mrs. Fryatt.
O. S.—Mrs. Will Dustin.
Physician—Dr. F. Pomainville.
Characters—Mrs. O'Dell.
Comrade—Mrs. H. Robinson.
Modesty—Mrs. Ebert.
Unselfishness—Mrs. J. Canning.
Endurance—Mrs. F. Wagner.

Wood County Post.

The following officers were elected for Wood County Post, G. A. R. for the ensuing year, installation to take place on January 8th:

Commander—M. S. Pratt.
S. V. C.—D. C. Bailey.
J. V. C.—B. F. Haskins.
Q. M.—D. Kammeran.
Surgeon—T. P. Burr.
Chaplain—T. J. Cooper.
O. D.—J. B. Grignon.
O. G.—D. Louthard.
Trustee 1 year—W. H. Brown.

Masons.

Worshipful Master—D. A. Telfer.
Senior Warden—E. C. Rossier.
Junior Warden—A. J. Hasbrunck.
Treasurer—R. F. Farris.
Secretary—T. A. Taylor.
Trustee 3 years—O. T. Hengen.
Notice of installation will be given later.

Odd Fellows.

Noble Grand—G. R. Schuman.
Vice Grand—E. E. Donaven.
Treasurer—Joseph Cohen.
Permanent Sec.—G. W. Davis.
Recording Sec.—H. Rablin.
Trustee three years—G. N. Minnehan.

Catholic Order Foresters.

Chief Ranger—Dr. F. Pomainville.
Vice Chief Ranger—Peter Love.
Recording Secretary—John Schnabel, jr.
Financial Secretary—F. L. Steib.
Treasurer—N. Reiland.
Installation will take place at the first regular meeting in January.

The Catholic Knights of Wisconsin have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Peter McCamley.
Vice President—N. Reiland.
Recording Secretary—Frank Stahl.
Financial Secretary—John A. Steib.
Treasurer—D. Lutz, jr.
Trustee 3 years—Lucien Berard.

Knight of Pythias.

C. C.—A. M. Palmer.
V. C.—H. McCain.
P.—Chas. Podawiltz.
K. of R. and S.—J. B. Philles.
Master at Arms—Will Gardner.
Inner Guard—Will Kellogg.
Outer Guard—A. M. Muir.

Independent Order of Foresters.

Chief Ranger—A. L. Ridgman.
Vice Chief—J. H. Landry.
R. S.—Ben Hansen.
F. S.—F. Bossert.
Treas.—V. X. Landry.
S. W.—Adam Bossert.
J. W.—Will Gross.
S. B.—G. Brudert.
J. B.—J. R. Chapman.
Chapman—C. Searles.
Physician—A. L. Ridgman.
Court Deputy—Chas. Podawiltz.

New Postmaster.

Friday morning's Sentinel contained the news that R. A. McDonald had been appointed postmaster of the Centralia postoffice, or that he had been nominated by the president, which means that his appointment will be forthcoming in a short time.

The change in postmasters was not unexpected, as Mr. Cochran's term expires on the 12th of January, but many had supposed that the two offices would be consolidated when the change was made. This does not seem to be the intention, however, and it is probable that the majority of the west side's prefer to have a post-office maintained on the west side.

Of the retiring postmaster, Mr. Cochran, we wish to say that he has given the people a first class service on the west side, one that any postmaster would do well to imitate as far as possible.

Remember that watch you promised for a Christmas present? W. G. Scott has a full selection.

A Bad Accident.

Albert Saeger, son of Herman Saeger of Hansen, shot himself on Wednesday morning, and although the accident will not prove fatal, the young man will be disfigured for life.

The right side of his face is entirely torn away, including the right eye and part of the cheek bone, the weapon being a shot gun in his own hands.

The young man had noticed some wolf tracks near the house and taking his shot gun went out to see if he could get a shot at the animals, climbing to a log he stood up and stood his gun alongside of him, when almost immediately it exploded. He could give no reason for the accident, as he is sure he did not strike the hammers of the weapon.

Dr. Ridgman was called to the scene of the accident and dressed the young man's wounds, and no serious results are looked for. While the accident is a most unfortunate one, Albert is lucky that his gun did not point an inch further to the left, as his head would have been blown to pieces.

Albert worked in this city the greater part of the fall and only accompanied his father home the day before the accident.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

Preparing to give the Little Ones a Good Time.

All Sunday school superintendents in the city report a largely increased attendance of late, owing no doubt to the cold weather and a combination of circumstances which usually exist about this time of year.

All of the churches are preparing some sort of an entertainment for the little ones in the shape of a program and Christmas tree, and no doubt the little ones will be on hand, that their elders be not disappointed.

Methodist Church.

Merry Christmas will be fittingly observed by the M. E. church and Sabbath school on Christmas eve. The exercises will commence at 7:30 o'clock and a program has been arranged for the occasion. Santa Claus has signified his intention of being present and there will be a Christmas tree loaded with the good things especially for the young folks. Nothing will be left undone to make it a rousing old-time Christmas, one that the children will remember with pleasure.

Congregational Church.

At this church the Sabbath school scholars have also arranged a program for Christmas eve which will be followed by the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, and the candy accompaniment usual on such occasions. The service here also commences early so that the children may reach their home before the late hour.

First Moravian Church.

The Sabbath school scholars have prepared an extensive program for Tuesday evening which will consist of carols, songs, choir music and readings. The program will be rendered in German. There will also be a Christmas tree.

A Musical Program.

Miss Catherine Rood, who has been teaching a class on the piano in this city during the past three months, completed her term on Wednesday and that evening a musicale was given at the Congregational church by her pupils, assisted by Mrs. Ethel Kerwan-Rood of Stevens Point, Irma Schulhof of Abbottsford and Faye Jackson of Fond du Lac.

The program was replete with the best works from the old as well as the new masters, and all was rendered in a manner that reflected great credit on Miss Rood. The difficult numbers in the second part rendered by Mrs. Geo. W. Paulus were especially adapted to show not only strong interpretation, but the ability of the executant technically, and was certainly a musical treat to those who heard it. Following is the program rendered:

Part One.

Introduction and Valse Lente - Sievoking
Helen Steib.
Hercules - J. T. Shaw.
Sweet Repose, Op. 26 - J. T. Shaw.
Hungarian Battle Song - Reinhold.
The Secret - Rosal Wippenman.
Song of the Siren - Irma Schulhof.
Ellis Dance, Op. 26, No. 5 - Heller.
Rumba, Op. 44, No. 1 - J. T. Shaw.
Waltz, Op. 76, No. 1 - Reinhold.
Royal Nash - Martineau F.
Pas de Ampleurs, No. 2 - Chamblade.
Faye Jackson.

Part Two.

Invitation, Op. 4, No. 1 - Reinhold.
Op. 4, No. 3 - Reinhold.
The Brook, descriptive - Reinhold.
The Eagle, descriptive - Reinhold.
Imperceptible, Op. 29, No. 1 - Reinhold.
Mrs. G. W. Paulus.
Thou Art Mine All - Reinhold.
Mrs. Ethel Kerwan-Rood.
Nachtstucke (Nocturnes) No. 1 - Schumann.
Polonaise, Op. 26, No. 1 - Schumann.
Hungarian Dance, No. 6 (duet) - Brahms.
Mrs. G. W. Paulus, Miss Rood.

Miss Rood expects to instruct another class in this city after the holidays, as all who have been under her are enthusiastic in her praise.

Mrs. Chris. Keogh.

Mrs. Chris. Keogh, one of the older settlers of Saratoga, died on Sunday after an illness of short duration. She was 72 years of age and is survived by a husband and three children.

The funeral occurred from the SS Peter and Paul Catholic church in this city on Wednesday. Rev. F. Van Rossmalen officiating.

Rockers

For young or old, large or small, black or white, at prices that will fit any size pocketbook. Remember a picture goes with every sale at GEO. W. BAKER'S furniture store, East Side.

A PLACE TO FARM.

Wood County is the Profitable Agricultural District.

Marshfield Times: The fact that Wood County is the best place in the state for a farmer who is anxious to become independent, is becoming more thoroughly apparent as the numerous settlers who have come in during the past few years reap the rewards of their good judgment in the choice of location. Hundreds of men who came here with a small capital several years ago are on the road to wealth, and cases of remarkable profit from a small investment are common. Vincent Wartner, a young man who formerly lived at Lodi where he worked at odd jobs among the neighboring farmers, was in the city last week, and his experience shows what an industrious man can accomplish aided by the unequalled soil of this section.

In the summer of 1899 Mr. Wartner purchased eighty acres of wild land, not a rod ready for the plow, of Wells & Reynolds of this city, the land lying in the towns of Wood and Seneca. He put in the summer building himself a small house and did not get down to clearing until late in the fall when he purchased a team and went to work. By his own unaided efforts he has cleared up twenty acres which is now under cultivation, and last year he raised 300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of potatoes, 33 bushels of wheat, 6 tons of hay, 125 bushels of carrots, 43 bushels of turnips, and 25 bushels of rutabagas. During the present season he has taken off his land 300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of potatoes, 14 tons of hay, 50 bushels of carrots, 25 bushels of beets, 30 bushels of turnips, 20 bushels of good wheat, 20 bushels of buckwheat, 18 bushels of oats and one-fourth of an acre of strawberries.

Mr. Wartner now has a first-class draft team, new harness and wagon, eleven head of cattle and will soon build a large new barn on his premises with the neat sum he has saved up in addition to a good living. At the present time his little farm is worth at least \$2,500 and he is sure of a comfortable living as long as he lives, while a few more years of well directed work will make him independently rich. This is but one of the many similar instances that go to prove the advantages of this county as a home for ambitious farmers.

The "Columbia" Debates.

The "Columbia" held a very interesting meeting at the west side High school Friday evening, Dec. 13. The debate was on the question, Resolved: That Switzerland has a better form of government than the United States. The affirmative was supported by Anna Johnson and Walter Weber and the negative by Amelia Schroedel and George Peltier. The jurors decided in favor of the affirmative. The remainder of the program consisted of an essay by Frank Natwick, a recitation by Hattie Schnabel, pantomimes by Minnie Witte, Lily Jorgenson and Cordelia Richards, a recitation by Lizzie Witte, an essay by Minnie Witte a recitation by Virginia Eiegel and a chorus by the club.

After the program, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President—Gerald Fritzinger.
Vice Pres.—Benah Chandos.
Secretary—Selmar Chase.
Treasurer—Grace McCarthy.
Librarian—Amanda Lambert.
Censor—Clyde Herick.
Program Committee—Orra Nissen, Kate Kellogg.

It was decided to hold a special public meeting some time in January and a committee was appointed to arrange a program.

Looking for Blood.

The Marshfield bowling team would like a game with a Grand Rapids team. On the authority of John Seubert, captain of the team there, the Tribune announces that they will play their team of five men against any five men in this city for from \$25 to \$50 a side. They offer to play either best two out of three or one game for the money.

East Side.

Following is the list of unclaimed letters in the east side postoffice, for the week ending Dec. 19, 1901:

Agilent, W. F. mahn, Theodore.
Buckley, G. mahn, Theodore.
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Buckley, G. mahn, Theodore.

Persons calling for the above please say "advertised."

A. L. FONTAINE, Postmaster.

Lydia A. Babcock.

Mrs. Lydia A. Babcock died on Thursday morning after a lengthy illness at the home of her sister, Miss A. M. Gordon, at the age of 84 years. The deceased, on account of her advanced years, had been quite feeble for some time and was taken care of by her sister.

The funeral occurred on Friday from the home of Miss Gordon. Rev. B. J. H. Shaw conducting the services.

Lyon's Mill.

Lyon's mill will start up about the first of January, and the proprietor will buy all kinds of logs, both pine and hardwood. Custom sawing will be made a specialty.

Theron Lyon.

Have your watch repairing done at Scott's. Watch inspector for the Chicago & Northwestern railway company.

A new and beautiful assortment of Burnt Leather Goods just arrived at Johnson & Hill Co.'s Drug Dept.

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FOR SALE: 100 acre farm, 10 acres cleared, good house and barn, team, stock and farm machinery, situated town of Pt. Edwards, one mile from city limits.

FOR SALE: 100 acre farm six miles east of city, good house, small barn, cheap.

FOR SALE: 30 acre farm, fine house and barn, town of Hansen, 10 miles from city, excellent location, can be secured at a bargain.

FOR SALE: Two lots with fine 10 room house, good barn and woodshed, situated in desirable residence part of the city, east side.

FOR SALE: One lot with fine house, modern improvements, good location close to business part of city.

FOR SALE: One lot with fine modern residence, good barn, French St., close to business part of city.

FOR SALE: Two good farms, town of Argenta, Juncos county, 120 and 200 acres respectively. Prices and terms very reasonable. Terms, terms and full particulars furnished at my office.

C. S. WHITTLESEY,
GRAND RAPIDS, WISCONSIN.

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If you want pure home-made Candies go to the White Front Candy Kitchen. Also leave an order for plain or fancy Ice Cream. It will receive our prompt attention.

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Very respectfully yours,

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GRAND RAPIDS, WIS.

DRUMB & SUTOR, - Publishers.

TRAGEDY AT PITTSBURG

Burglar Detected in Entering
House Commits Murder and
Makes His Escape.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Harriet P. Murphy, prominent in church and society circles and treasurer of the Kingsley house, was murdered at her home 6221 Howe street east end by a burglar who made his escape and although the whole detective and police force of that section was called he has not been captured.

Miss Murphy was the only sister of Select Captain John A. Murphy from the Twentieth ward and was 30 years old. She, with her brother and two sisters, women, lived alone in the house. Miss Murphy, who slept on the second floor, was an expert with the revolver having practiced for the purpose of protecting herself in the event of just such an attack as happened this morning and she always had a pistol within easy reach.

About 3 o'clock this morning her brother was awakened by two shots in the house and hastening to his sister's room found her lying dead on the floor with a bullet wound in the head. The burglar had scaled the porch posts and entered the window of Miss Murphy's room by breaking the glass. It is supposed that the noise of the crashing glass awakened her and that as she jumped from the bed with her revolver in her hand the man fired. Marks in the snow on the porch road indicate that only one man entered the room. Miss Murphy usually kept the collections for the Kingsley house in her room until recently and it is thought the burglar was after this money.

YANKEE LOCOMOTIVES.

Americans Secure Number of Con-
tracts from Japan, Australia
and South Africa.

New York, Dec. 17.—A number of important contracts for locomotives to be used by various foreign governments and private railroads have been placed in the United States within the last few days. Thirty locomotives, intended for the Japanese government railroads, will be built at Schenectady. The American Locomotive company is also building twelve locomotives for the Japanese government, one of the big government roads operated in the Japanese empire. This makes the sixth order—seventy-two engines in all—that the American Locomotive company has secured from that road within the last two years. The Hokkaido railway, controlled by the Japanese government, also has ordered six American-built engines. The Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia will build eighteen locomotives for the West Australian government railroads and thirty-six American locomotives for the New South Wales government railroads. The H. K. Porter company of Pittsburgh has an order for four locomotives for use in the coal mines near Johannesburg, South Africa.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Scarcely a Building in New Zealand
Town Left Standing—Chimneys
Fall Like Top Houses.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—New Zealand news received by steamer gives details of great destruction of property in the Chelviot district by an earthquake on November 18. In the town of Chelviot and the surrounding country scarcely a building was left standing. The fine home of Sir George Clifford was wrecked. Great fissures opened in the earth and water issued from them.

In one office a heavy safe was thrown across the room and brick chimneys fell like top houses. The people are panic-stricken as the shocks still continue. At Chelviot, great cracks opened in the river bed and when they closed volumes of water were sent hundreds of feet into the air.

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS.

One that will Consider the Interests
of the Government.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—Eli Torrance, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., today announced the following as the committee on pensions: Col. Robert Reuth, Philadelphia; Col. John C. Black, Chicago; Gen. James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis; Judge Charles B. Burton, Nevada; Mr. ex-Gov. W. H. Upham, Massachusetts; Mr. Henry E. Taintor, Hartford, Conn.; John C. Lincoln, Pensacola, N. H.

In view of the pension office controversy this committee is most important. It is understood that the commander's desire in naming this committee was to secure one that would consider the interests of the government equally with those of the veterans.

LOW TAKES MAYOR'S OATH.

New York's Future Executive Deviates
from Time-Worn Custom.

New York, Dec. 17.—Seth Low, to the great surprise of politicians of all parties, was sworn in yesterday afternoon as mayor of New York. The oath was administered by Justice Morgan J. O'Brien of the appellate division of the Supreme court in his private chamber in the court building.

In taking the oath of office two weeks before the time he will take his seat at the city hall Mayor-elect Low has deviated from the usual custom, which is to be sworn in on January 1. It was his intention to make public nearly his entire cabinet yesterday, but circumstances have arisen which have caused one or two changes in the slate.

ROCKEFELLER IN BAD HEALTH.

Oil Magnate's Appearance Startles
His Friends in Torreytown.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 17.—John D. Rockefeller is so changed in appearance that his friends scarcely recognize him. Since Mr. Rockefeller made the trip to Cleveland last summer his health has suffered greatly. He had his mustache shaved off while away, and now the hair on his head is falling out so that he is nearly bald. He is able to attend to business, though he looks very weak.

Protestantism in Russia.

There are some 6,000,000 Protestants in Russia who enjoy religious liberty with the stipulation that they must be born of Protestant parents and must not proselyte. Preaching in nine languages is heard every Sunday in St. Petersburg in the Protestant churches.

Iron exports are over-running the province of British Columbia, in search of iron mines, promising to pay the most extravagant prices for anything that touches the Bessemer limit.

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY
IN THE CASE OF REAR ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

MAJORITY REPORT—JUDGMENT OF REAR ADMIRALS BENHAM AND RAMSAY.

The majority judgment of the court of inquiry in the case of Rear Admiral Schley comprises the opinions of Rear Admirals Benham and Ramsay. Admiral Dewey, the president of the court, signs the report, but he takes exceptions to many material features, and these are contained in a personal minority report. The majority report follows:

Commodore Schley, in command of the flying squadron, should have proceeded with utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos, and should have maintained a close blockade of that port.

He should have endeavored, on May 22, at Cienfuegos, to obtain information regarding the Spanish squadron by communicating with the inspectors at the place designated in the memorandum delivered to him at 8:15 a. m. of that date.

He should have proceeded from Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba with all dispatch, and should have disposed his vessels with a view of intercepting the enemy in any attempt to pass the flying squadron.

He should not have delayed the squadron for the Eagle.

He should not have made the telegraphic turn westward with his squadron.

He should have promptly obeyed the navy department's order of May 20.

He should have endeavored to capture or destroy the Spanish vessels at an early hour, the entrance of Santiago harbor on May 21 and 22.

He did not do the utmost with the force under his command to capture or destroy the Colon and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 21.

By commencing the engagement on July 3 with the port battery and turning the Brooklyn around with port beam, Commodore Schley caused it to lose distance and position with the Spanish vessels, especially with the Vizcaya and Colon.

The turn of the Brooklyn to starboard was made and putting it into dangerous proximity to the Spanish vessels. The turn was made toward the Texas, and caused that vessel to stop and back her engines to avoid possible collision.

Admiral Schley did injustice to Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Rodgers in publishing only a portion of the correspondence which passed between them.

Commodore Schley's conduct in connection with the events of the "Santiago" campaign prior to June 1, 1898, was characterized by vigilance, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise.

His official reports regarding the coal supply and the coal facilities of the flying squadron were inaccurate and misleading.

His conduct during the battle of July 3 was self-possessed, and he encouraged, in his own person, his subordinate officers and men to fight courageously.

GEORGE DEWEY, Admiral U. S. N., President.

SAMUEL C. LEMLY, Judge Advocate General U. S. N., Judge Advocate.

MINORITY REPORT—JUDGMENT OF ADMIRAL DEWEY, PRESIDENT OF THE COURT.

Admiral Dewey's minority report is as follows:

In the opinion of the undersigned, the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch, Commodore Schley having in view the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers.

The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.

Commodore Schley, in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos, expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from it when it came out.

The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible while keeping the squadron a unit.

The blockade of Santiago was effective.

Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron off Santiago when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3, 1898. He was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

GEORGE DEWEY, Admiral U. S. N., President.

SAMUEL C. LEMLY, Judge Advocate General U. S. N., Judge Advocate.

RECOMMENDATION—"LET NO FURTHER PROCEEDINGS BE TAKEN."

In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the events of the Santiago campaign the court recommends no further proceedings be had in the premises.

GEORGE DEWEY, Admiral U. S. N., President.

SAMUEL C. LEMLY, Judge Advocate General U. S. N., Judge Advocate.

HE LOST HIS COMMISSION.

Officer Punished for Deserting His
Bride at Altar.

REFUSED TO SAY WHY.

After Hearing the Mother's Story the
President Declined to Give the
Captain His Commission.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—For "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" Capt. William P. Crawford of the United States volunteers has been refused by President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Root his commission as a lieutenant in the regular army, to which his military superiors warmly recommended him.

This case is unique in the military history of the country.

Because he broke faith with the woman he had promised to marry the path to military distinction—to an honorable career in the service of his country upon which he had so promisingly entered—is forever closed to him. Crawford, says the secretary of war, played an unworthy part toward the woman that loved him. Therefore, he is unworthy to wear an officer's uniform.

If you have never known that Presidents and cabinet officers gave up weeks to the consideration of the love affairs of would-be lieutenants, study the following curious and instructive history of Capt. Crawford, who, because he would not wed Miss Rebecca Douglas when he might, could not become a lieutenant when he would.

But in spite of the publicity the affair has gained, the reason for the captain's strange action is not even suspected.

His First Love Affair.

It is told in South Carolina that Crawford's military career began, as it ended, in a love affair. Some years ago, it is said, the young man was engaged to a beautiful girl. She liked him and married another man.

Embittered by this experience Crawford tried to divert his mind by assuming the duties of a local paper. He shortly thereafter met a young woman, and decided to enter the army. It was arranged that he should go to Cuba.

He was utterly desperate. He told his friends that Cuba might bring him death or it might bring him distinction—he cared nothing. And he buckled on his sword with a fine air of indifference.

Cuba brought him little opportunity. But it gave him a taste for war. He returned with the determination to go to the Philippines.

The day before he left for the East, however, he met for the first time the woman who was to have so strange an influence in the ordering of his fate. This was Miss Rebecca Douglas, a charming and cultivated young woman, in whose presence Crawford forgot the disasters that had previously befallen his heart and felt precipitately in love.

"I feel as if I had known you always," he said to Miss Douglas with a deep sigh.

She smiled encouragingly.

"Indeed," protested the impetuous lover, "if I had known you years I could not love you more. Will you marry me? Will you wait for me?"

Now Crawford, as even Secretary Root will tell you, has the most winning face, the most persuasive manner in the world. And Miss Douglas promised.

The next day he was off for the Philippines with Rebecca Douglas's picture next his heart.

As for Miss Douglas, she took up her profession of trained nurse with a light-heartedness she had never known before. Crawford fought bravely in the Philippines.

Crawford was a Good Soldier.

"It is the thought of your love, your pride in me, that has helped me," he wrote to his fiancée. Nor did his brave deeds pass unheeded.

"That boy will make a soldier," said his superiors. "Some day he'll be heard from."

And indeed, when Capt. Crawford came back to the United States he bore many honors as a man in his position could have none. No wonder that he saw fame shining ahead.

Belonging to Raleigh, N. C., the young man found his betrothed still engaged in nursing.

"I cannot have you give up your time to caring for other people now," he said. "I shall need you. Give up your work, come back to Chester, and as soon as I get my commission we will be married."

They had not to wait long. The ap-

pointment was soon made and accordingly the wedding day set.

The Bridegroom Never Came.

Miss Douglas prepared an elaborate trousseau. The cards were issued, the wedding breakfast ordered. But when the day came there was no bridegroom.

Capt. Crawford two days before sent a letter to the mother of the bride. Just what is in that letter only the captain, the mother, possibly Miss Douglas, and recently the secretary of war and the president know. On the contents of that letter, Capt. Crawford's fate.

Immediately upon the mysterious breaking off of the marriage Miss Douglas left Chester and has since remained in seclusion. She has talked but little and will say nothing for publication.

It was, therefore, not with her consent that her friends made the affair public by carrying it to the war department and denouncing that Crawford's commission be withheld.

Pending investigation their wishes were complied with. Then these friends secured the aid of influential congressmen.

Crawford despatched to make an explanation to the adjutant general beyond saying that he did not love the young lady and could not marry her.

On the eve of his own marriage Gen. Corbin ruled against Crawford, saying his conduct barred him from that class of "gentlemen in which holders of commissions must belong."

In the absence of Gen. Corbin, Crawford had a personal interview with Secretary of War Root, and so impressed that official by his manner and appearance that the secretary consented to give him another hearing.

"It is true," he was engaged to Miss Douglas," Crawford confessed. "It is true that I refused to marry her. But I had good reasons."

"Name them," demanded the secretary.

"I must decline to do so," said the captain respectfully; "they are in the possession of one person only, Miss Douglas's mother. If she is willing to communicate them to you I can have no objection."

"Very well, captain," said the secretary, "we will let your honor and your commission rest upon that letter."

(Which has been the case. After long delay Mrs. Douglas produced the letter. President Roosevelt and Secretary Root saw it. And they withdrew Capt. Crawford's commission.)

KNOX IS CONFIRMED.

Senate Acts Favorably on Nomination
of Attorney General.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Just before adjournment last night the Senate confirmed the nomination of Philander C. Knox to be attorney-general of the United States. The opposition was led by Senators Jones and Turner, who dwelt on the charge that the attorney-general, previously to entering upon the duties of that office, had been attorney for the United States Steel Corporation and the armor plate manufacturers. In reply to these accusations it was argued that his position as counselor for those interests could not be used legitimately against him. So long as he had conducted himself with propriety his relationship as an attorney should not be used to his injury as an official.

The vote on a motion to reconsider was lost. The ballot stood 43 to 7. Confirmation without the necessity of a roll call immediately followed.

MANY HONOR JOHN SWINTON.

Rest of Friends Show Grief Over De-
mise of Noted Journalist.

New York, Dec. 17.—Since the demise of John Swinton, the well-known journalist, there has been a constant stream of visitors at the family residence in Brooklyn anxious to view the remains and to express condolence to the relatives.

The deceased had a host of friends not only among the newspaper men, but also among labor organizations. He was a writer on labor topics for over thirty years. Letters and telegrams have been received from friends in all parts of the country. The New York Press club is making preparations to render homage at the funeral, which will take place Wednesday.

VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD.

Capt. Voss and His Little Canoe Ar-
rive Safely at Sydney.

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BIG LOSS BY FLOODS.

Great Damage by Rain, Wind and
Snow in the East.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS.

Rivers Rise Far Above Their Natural
Bounds and Property is
Overwhelmed.

New York, Dec. 16.—Rain, wind and melting snow have wrought untold damage throughout the state of New York and Pennsylvania and portions of West Virginia. Rivers and creeks have risen far above their banks, and cut their rushing floodways through the fields, houses, washed out railway tracks and torn scores of railroad bridges from their foundations. Trains have been stalled in consequence and traffic paralyzed. Hundreds of persons have been forced to flee from their homes to save their lives.

Warm weather and heavy rains Saturday were followed at night by terrific gales and more excessive rains. In New York city the wind blew at the rate of forty-eight miles an hour.

Reports from every city and town in the state tell of rain by flood. Landslides have been frequent and on the Lehigh Valley road alone twenty bridges were washed out in the vicinity of Auburn. Many dams are reported to have burst.

Ethics Reports \$500,000 Loss.

Ethics reports the most serious damage by flood since 1877. The damage done by the floods is estimated at \$500,000. The rain turned the nearly dry creeks into torrents and at midnight the flood was poured upon the city. One dwelling house was swept away. The power and lighting plant was washed out and two trolley cars were swallowed up in the flood. All street car traffic is suspended and the city is in darkness.

Percy field at Cornell university was turned into a lake and the university power plants were abandoned. The lower floor of the city hospital was overflooded and no heat or light was available in the institution.

At Oneida the Oneida creek overflowed and the water was from one to three feet deep on the first floors of residences. At Troy the damage from wind and rain is estimated at \$50,000, and the electric car service to Albany is suspended.

Tornado in Northern New York.

Much damage has been done throughout northern New York by the extremely high wind which prevailed for twenty-four hours, reaching the velocity of a tornado. At Middletown large landslides occurred on the Erie railroad. In a collision between two trains one man was killed and several injured.

Corning reports that the Chemung and Chautauque valleys have had the biggest flood since June, 1889. The Chemung and Chautauque rivers overflowed their banks and for miles east and west the lowlands were flooded and great damage has been done.

The village of Painted Post has been under water all day and the water is two feet deep in most of the dwellings. Besides the twenty bridges on the Lehigh Valley railway that were washed away south of Auburn the track was undermined in many places and blocked by landslides. All traffic from that city south over the Lehigh railroad has been suspended and it is thought it will be several days before trains are again running. At Moravia, twenty miles south of Auburn, the entire village was under the feet of water when the rain ceased.

Water Now Falling.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—The marks at Smithfield street bridge at 8 o'clock this morning showed a rise of 8 inches of water in the Monongahela river, but the waters are now falling.

River men and dwellers along the river banks of Pittsburg and Allegheny had a fearful experience. Hundreds of men toiled all night with the gigantic coils tied up to the landings on both sides of all three rivers, in the face of bitterly cold winds. Warning was sent out from the weather bureau that a flood stage was possible, but it was not heeded because a cold snap usually takes all the danger out of a flood. It failed to do yesterday and as a result the freshest water has inundated thousands of dollars' worth of property.

In addition to this many mills and factories along both rivers were forced to close down temporarily and thousands of men and women will be out of work.

Costly Bridges Destroyed.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The damage from the flood in the valley of the West Canada creek will reach \$200,000. From \$50,000 to \$100,000 loss was sustained from Nodolosh, Himeley and

ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

By
MRS. FORRESTER.

CHAPTER I.

Marie Antoinette de Montolieu was a true scion of the old French noblesse, with fine features and clear, pale complexion. There had been vivacity and brightness, too, in those brown eyes, but the luster was gone now, and there was left only the calm expression of resignation which follows a life of troubles nobly borne. She had lived sixty-four years in the world.

Her father and mother, the Marquis and Marquise de Montolieu, had been in high favor at the court of Louis the Sixteenth. They were proud, handsome aristocrats, and when the Revolution came with its fearful horrors, they were forced to fly for their lives. When they reached England they were penniless and compelled to earn their bread.

The marquis gave lessons in singing, and the marquise made a little money by selling her paintings. A kind-hearted nobleman, who had known them in former days, allowed them fifty pounds a year; and with this, and the fruit of their own exertions, they managed to exist. Three years later a daughter was born to them, whom they named Marie Antoinette, in affectionate and reverential memory of their martyred queen. From her earliest infancy she was deeply imbued with the sad spirit of the time; and the unvarying melancholy of her parents produced a strong effect upon her. She was naturally bright and vivacious, but the atmosphere of constant sadness was infectious.

When she was seventeen years old her beloved father died, and from that time all her energies were strained to provide for her heart-broken and widowed mother. Five years later the marquise died also, and Marie was thrown on the world, literally penniless and friendless. Then all at once the nobleman who had befriended her parents came forward and offered her a home in his house, in spite of the remonstrances of his wife, who was keenly alive to the imprudence of bringing a beautiful young girl under the same roof with her grown-up sons.

For a time Marie Antoinette was happy, and then came the most bitter trial of her life. She went out again as a governess, and traveled abroad. At the age of thirty-five she went into Sir Howard Champion's family, to educate his daughters, and remained with them twelve years. The elder daughter made a brilliant match, and the younger eloped with a gentleman farmer. There being thus no further occasion for her services, she was dismissed; but Sir Howard, being a liberal although arrogant and despotic man, settled an annuity of a hundred pounds on her for life. On this, and the interest of what she had saved during her long years of teaching, she lived; and small as was her income, she gave away much. Here was a grand life of love, of charity and of self-sacrifice. Unsoured by her troubles, unimpaired by her loneliness, she was the true picture of a gentle, sympathizing and patient woman.

Sir Howard cursed his younger daughter solemnly on the Bible—from which he erased her name, and commanded that it might never be uttered in his presence again. The whole household were awestricken, and crept about silently and fearfully. Madame de Montolieu was heart-broken.

Winifred bitterly resented her false step. She loved the world and the fashion, and so the comparatively humble life she now led was gall and wormwood to her. Her husband was fond of her, but he chafed under her constant fretful regrets; she quarreled with his family, refused to notice them, and made him bitter, contemptuous little speeches, which drove him in anger from her presence. The only link left to her between the present and the past was Madame de Montolieu, who came to live in a small cottage near her, and was with her constantly. But poor Winifred fretted night and day at her loss of caste, and became thin and ill; and when her little girl was born she died.

For some years little Winifred was brought up and taken care of by her father's sister; but when she was eight years old Miss Eyre married, and her father was somewhat perplexed what to do with her. Madame de Montolieu offered to educate her, and Mr. Eyre gladly accepted the offer.

She received a complete education from Madame de Montolieu, who loved her as a daughter, and had brought her up with tender care and watchfulness. She spoke French perfectly, was a good musician, and sang as sweetly as a nightingale. Madame de Montolieu had devoted great time and care to perfecting her accomplishments, hoping that, when she grew up, Sir Howard might relent and give her an opportunity of entering into society, for which she was eminently fitted. But the baronet and his whole family sternly persisted in ignoring her, and it was a very bitter grief and humiliation to poor Winifred.

It seemed so cruelly unjust. Why should Flora Champion, her cousin, and flattered, and received everywhere, while she, who longed so ardently for the same advantage, was compelled to live unnoticed in a farm house? Her father had given her a pretty little pony and carriage, in which she took great pleasure. She would have liked to ride as well, but her father could not afford, he said, to keep two horses for her, and had given her a chance of riding or driving; she preferred the former, but chose the latter, remembering that it was a pleasure which her dear madame could share.

Mr. Eyre was very fond of his daughter, and, moreover, exceedingly proud of her. He desired intensely for her the advantages of wealth and station, personally indifferent though he was to them. His greatest trouble, his most bitter mortification in life, was that her grandfather would not acknowledge her. For himself he did not care, he had no wish to rise from the position with which his forefathers had been contented. Once, at

freed found courage to answer; "but we have always been allowed to walk here, and—"

"I shall indeed be sorry if our rudeness and inhospitality should drive you away," laughed the stranger. "I beg you will always, both for yourself and friends, consider you are entitled to a free right of way over any and every part of my possessions."

Winifred thanked him and would have turned away, but he lingered; and there was such a charm to her in the presence of this refined, aristocratic-looking man, that she felt no inclination to break rudely away from him.

"You are Mr. Hastings, then?" she said, interrogatively.

"Yes," he replied. "I have come back at last to enjoy the delights of home after my long absence."

"It must be very pleasant to see so much of the outer world," Winifred said timidly; "it must give one such broad views of things and people, and stamp out one's petty, intolerant thoughts and narrow prejudices."

Mr. Hastings was surprised by this last remark of his companion's, but he was far too well bred to allow his thoughts to appear. He remarked quietly: "You seem to have considered these things more than young ladies are apt to do."

"I must be going," she uttered, hastily; "it is getting late."

He turned to accompany her, but she bowed with an air of decision, saying: "My path leads away from Hazell Court."

"I hope," he said, lingering a moment, "that my presence to-night will not tend to frighten you away from these woods for the future. May I rely on your making use of them as usual?"

She thanked him again, and, bowing, turned away. He stood, hat in hand, before her as he might have done to a princess; and as she went on her way home, he gazed after her slight, graceful form with a look of tender admiration such as might have belittled a man who watched the woman he loved.

CHAPTER II.

In a very elegant drawing room, with French windows to the ground, leading on to a velvet sward gowned with flowers, sat Mrs. Champion and her daughter. The mother was employed on an elaborate piece of woodwork, while Miss Champion half reclined upon her silken couch, reading. She looked up from it to answer her mother's interrogatory.

"Do you think Mr. Hastings will be here this afternoon, Flora?"

"I cannot tell, mamma; Reginald has gone over to the Court to lunch, and look at some new horses, and he said he should probably bring Mr. Hastings back to dinner."

"He is very handsome," remarked Mrs. Champion. "Indisputably the best match in the county."

"Except Evelyn Vane," remarked Flora.

"Evelyn Vane?" echoed her mother—"Evelyn Vane has nothing until his father dies; and even when he becomes Lord Lancing, his income will not be much more than half that of Mr. Hastings."

"But there is the title," said Miss Champion; "Lord Lancing cannot last much longer, and I would rather have a title, even if I were obliged to sacrifice half the income."

Which was not true, for Flora Champion was rather in love with Errol Hastings, and utterly indifferent to the honorable Evelyn Vane. She and her mother were much attached to each other—at least as much as was possible for two such selfish and indifferent natures to be—and they were wont to indulge in mutual confidences. At this moment Reginald Champion, the only son and brother, entered the room.

"Have you just returned from the Court?" inquired his mother.

"Yes; Hastings left me at the door not five minutes ago."

"I thought he was going to dine here," "I thought so, too; but I suppose he changed his mind, for when he arrived here, and I pressed him to come in, he declared he had a previous engagement. It was all a lie, though, I could see; but I think I know what the counter attraction was."

"Indeed!" said Flora, disdainfully, "and may we inquire the result of your penetration?"

"It is nothing that will please you, Flo, I can tell you."

"Don't be provoking, Reginald!" uttered his mother, sharply; "tell us at once what you mean."

(To be continued.)

DINING IN HONOLULU.

Effective Decoration for the Table—Wreaths for Guests.

The hostess who was kind enough to ask me to dinner in Honolulu had chosen scarlet carnations for my table, and I never remember seeing anything more effective. A big silver bowl in the center was full of them, while a wreath of them went around the base of the stand and four more stretched from the handles of the bowl to the silver candelabra in each corner of the table. In addition to this, each hors d'oeuvre plate had the same scarlet wreath round it, which each lady untied and hung round her neck, where it lay like a soft, feathery bow. Some of the men even did the same, but these were Americans; the Englishmen, averse to self-decoration, presented theirs to the ladies they had taken down.

The wreaths have to be made in a particular way, and in the Hawaiian Islands the work of making up the leis (as they are called) there has become a trade among the natives, who sit at the corner of the street and sell their sweet wares to the foreigners who flock from far and near to see the paradise of the Pacific.

The garlands are threaded on a piece of bass with a cane needle, and the calyx of the carnation is entirely removed, so that the petals of the flower fall loosely and give the effect of the feathers. The needle is run straight through and comes out in the center, so that each flower on the thread is on the top of the other. Of course, the closer they are together the better the result, but this has to depend greatly on the quantity of blooms at one's disposal. I have seen as many as a hundred in one wreath.—London Times.

PINES FOR HER DEAD.

MRS. MCKINLEY CRUSHED UNDER HER GREAT SORROW.

President's Widow Spends Her Days Thinking Only of the Past and Awaiting the Messenger of Death. Life Has No Interest for Her.

The saddest woman in all the land today is its former happy first lady, Mrs. McKinley, who in the sorrowful atmosphere of her home on North Market street, Canton, is pathetically solving the poet's problem of "living on earth with her heart in the grave." For her the world, as she formerly knew it and had lived in it, is no more. Its sunshine and its joys, its pleasures and its affluence, its ambitions and its glories make no appeal to her. The sun of her life has set extinguished by the infamous deed in Buffalo's Temple of Music—and she sits in the darkness thinking of past splendors and happy joys and bathing her soul in the reflected rays of memory. Her world is now her home and the cemetery, Westlawn Cemetery, where in the family plot her two children lie and the vault where soldiers stand sentinel over the dust of her hero and idol and the nation's martyr.

Throughout her life, from the time when as Ida Saxton she pledged her faith to William McKinley, she was wrapped up in him. While inspiring him with her own sublime faith in his abilities and in heaven, she learned, on account of physical feebleness, to lean upon him and they grew up in happy, wedded life in as close a companionship of spirit as the ivy and the

turns to the family plot where her children lie and then she returns to her home, where ever before her eyes is the memory of two children stricken in infancy and the image of him, cut down like a flower in the zenith of his powers and usefulness, and at the height of his political fame.

She has no desire in life now save to be with him. This feeling she expressed soon after the funeral and the same feeling burns in her longings still. To those around her she speaks little. She sits silent, contemplative, with fixed eyes and pathetic face, her thoughts being ever on him who is gone. Her sister, Mrs. Barber, constantly attends her, but the most assiduous care cannot recall her mind from her own and the nation's supreme tragedy.

She has lost all interest in the little domestic labors that formerly enabled her to forget that she was an invalid. It was her custom to embroider and to knit slippers and turn out many other kinds of handiwork. These little articles she used to give to her friends as presents. Sometimes they went to bazars when money was being raised for charity. But she knits and embroiders no more. The pastime so long delightful to her no longer appeals. All her thoughts are attuned to one heart chord and that vibrates only to the memory touch of William McKinley.

Similarly, in former times, Mrs. McKinley loved music and was as happy as a school girl in the midst of little family functions and the quiet entertainments furnished by her friends. But these, too, are of the past. She no longer cares for them. It is doubtful if she ever thinks of them. Her mind has but one subject and that subject absorbs all her thoughts, waking and sleeping.

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND.

Old Customs are Religiously Observed in the County Houses.

In some parts of England, curiously enough, to this day it is believed that it is necessary to holly in the Christmas decorations as the wife "will wear the holly" for the ensuing year. An old farmer was once seen pulling down the bay with which the kitchen was decorated. "I'll be an old 'this," he whispered to his spouse. In Yorkshire, too, they have the beautiful superstition that Christmas is the best time of the year in which the fairies may rejoice; they may hear the Holy Name without having to do and hide, and they have been heard to join in the carols. Once a little child, we are told, was forgotten by some mischance, and was heard weeping and wailing up and down the house, though none saw him till Whitsuntide. Speaking of this to an old woman in Devonshire, she assured us that the fairies had sent the child "of purpose." If anyone had had wit to sprinkle holly on him he never would have gone back to his people, but would have been a Christian child.

The holly used for decorations, both in church and house, should be taken down on Candlemas eve, or, if not, it will come on parish or people. In taking down holly in some parts of England it is thought unlucky to prick the finger if blood comes, but if a leaf stick to dress or coat it is a good omen. In old days a branch of holly picked on Christmas eve was as efficacious as the rowan, or mountain ash, in protecting from witches and warlocks or evil spells. A twig, brought from church, might be kept, like the Eastern palm, for the same purpose. Your cattle, too, will thrive, and your sheep and goats bring forth twins if you fasten up a bit of holly in stall or manger or fold, that God's creatures may rejoice with man on the anniversary of His birth.

FIRE-SIDE GAMES FOR YULETIDE.

A Custom Due to Rashfulness Which Should be Frowned Down.

The observance of Christmas without the games on Christmas eve and Christmas night is a thing not even to be considered as a possibility, and, whether the mistake is to be held responsible for it or not, it is certain that all kinds of old-fashioned "kissing" games are allowed and allowable on this one festival of the year.

Just why pretty girls should set aside a single day when they will allow themselves to be kissed in public is a problem too deep to be solved by any male and mortal mind. But it is a fact, and young and old will celebrate the day with the good old hearty games of "Clap in and Clap Out," "Postoffice," "Snap and Catch on," "Drop the Handkerchief," and the numerous brood of mirth-provoking sports which result in the "fart" so often paid by "kneeling to the prettiest, bowing to the wildest, and kissing the one you love best."

A memento subterfuge of holly leaves and girls is to apply the last part of the sentence imposed by kissing either their father or their mother. This should be sternly disapproved and ruled down by every Santa Claus judge and jury. It is an evasion, if not a violation, of a Christmas law, and deserves severe punishment, even to the point of actually indicting the one who shall be the recipient of the salutatory salutation.

Among the Christmas games that have made and will make generations of wholesome men, women and children laugh the hearty laugh that is the best aid to the digestion of a Christmas dinner are "shouting" games, with its hoisterous fun, and the quieter game of proverbs, in which all persons have assigned to them a word from the proverb selected, and in reply to a question by the one who is "it" must weave the word into the response. Proverbs should be selected that contain common words such as—

"Man's work from sun to sun, Woman's work from never done."

Or, "He that will not when he may, When he will he shall have 'may.'"

Of course, "Going to Jerusalem" will play a prominent part in the revels of the night, and if the hostess is wise there will be candy-pulling and corn-popping. A charming girl never looks as well as she does when both her hands are absolutely helpless as she "pulls" candy, and if any young gentleman is mean enough to take advantage of her defenseless condition and kiss her, then let him suffer the punishment which he will have brought upon himself.

Charades are as inseparable from a Christmas merry-making as the royal plum pudding itself, and a certain may be arranged in my parlor by securing a piece of gas pipe long enough to go across the room and placing over the ends of it two wooden blocks which are padded and fitted against the wall. This obviates the necessity of breaking either the par or the plaster.

One word of warning to the actors—do not waste time in preparing yourself to appear on the stage, and do not depend so much on the words you speak as on your acting to convey the desired idea.

"Dumb Crambo" is delicious fun, and should not be omitted from any well-regulated Christmas programme. In an old-fashioned Christmas game the players are divided into two groups, one of which stays in the room, while the other retires to the hall.

Each of the hall party in turn imitates the sound of some animal—a cat, a dog, a cow or what-not, and each member of the party in the room is allowed a guess as to who has given the imitation—and, in case of doubt, what the animal imitated was. Failure is, of course, paid by a " forfeit."

If your home is large enough by all means have at least one game of "Hide and Seek," a "Virginia Reel," and see to it that there are no spectators who plead the impostor excuse that they do not know how to dance. Everybody can dance a "Virginia Reel," and if any one refuses to exercise the right of making good the saw, which may be read for the occasion, "Those who can 'reel' and won't 'reel' must be made to 'reel'."

A Yuletide Favor.

The holidays are not far distant, and a suggestion is a pretty favor for a Christmas memento is a sled, made of parchment and covered with red satin. On the top of this sled is a spray of holly or a branch of holly with red berries. If it is desired to make this a useful ride a rich pad may be attached to the inner side of the sled, and used as a seat. It could also be used as a punishment by sticking this around the edge of it.

Stations on the Russian railway in Manchuria are placed eighteen miles apart without reference to the location of towns.

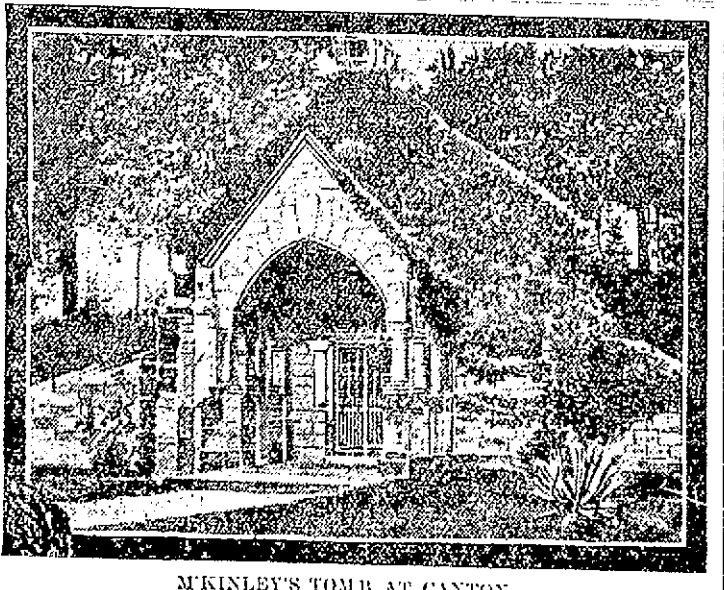


MRS. MCKINLEY.

oak. The oak is now fallen and the ivy is bent and torn, deprived of its support.

In the North Market street house Mrs. McKinley is reminded at every turn of the sorrow that shrouds her life. When her husband was living he was by her side whenever her condition warranted his presence. No matter how heavy might be the cares of State he found time to read to her, and every day before dinner the family Bible was opened and a selection was read. But these thoughtful ministrations are hers no more to enjoy, and she turns from the kind offices which others would pay to commune with the dead.

After the President's funeral it was Mrs. McKinley's custom to go daily to the vault and sit for a time by the casket. A rocking chair was placed there for her accommodation, and a strip of carpet was spread on the floor, lest the dampness might injure her health. Her friends feared that these visitations might induce cold and more serious consequent sickness, and recently their importunities prevailed to this extent that Mrs. McKinley is now satisfied to drive to the tomb, whose gloomy walls and dark recesses her earnest, pleading eyes seem to pierce. From the tomb she



MCKINLEY'S TOMB AT CANTON.

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Concerning Fire Protection.

During a talk with Jacob Lutz, chief of the east side fire department, when the matter of bettering the condition of the fire companies in this city and consequently affording better fire protection was discussed, that gentleman expressed it as his opinion that the best way to make an efficient service in this city would be to have a centrally located fire engine house, either on the east or west side, with three paid men always in attendance. Then when an alarm was turned in the company could not only get out in short order but upon arriving at the fire would be able to do something, even if the remainder of the company did fail to respond promptly. A team was to be kept in waiting also, which would greatly expedite matters.

Mr. Lutz is also a firm believer in the efficacy of a good fire alarm system and cites in support of his claim that at the last disastrous fire the ringing of the fire bell was not sufficiently loud to wake the firemen, and so several of them slept through the whole thing and never knew there was a fire until they came down to work on the following morning. Mr. Lutz also explained that a fire alarm system would enable the companies to hold some sort of an intelligent practice, as a practice alarm could be turned in at any unexpected moment, and the firemen thus called out and put through a fire drill, and some knowledge gained thereby.

Ernest Oberbeck, who was one of the originators of the west side fire company, and who probably worked as hard as any man to bring up the standard of efficiency of the company, was interviewed on the matter of fire protection on Tuesday. Mr. Oberbeck was inclined to think that the Tribune had been rather harsh in its treatment of the firemen but at the same time admitted that reforms were necessary and that they could not be made too soon for the welfare of the city.

It certainly was not the intention of the Tribune to find fault with the men that form the companies. At the same time, there is no need to handle a matter of this kind with gloves. The firemen cannot get out promptly if they have not the facilities that are instrumental in assisting all fire companies to be prompt. It does no good to have the men around if there are no means of getting the apparatus to the scene of operations. Neither can a man be blamed if he is at home and asleep and the alarm that is sounded is not sufficiently loud to awaken him. It is to overcome these difficulties that the improvement should be made.

Walter J. Dickson, chief of the west side fire company, on being interviewed on the matter, stated that he thought some changes were necessary before the company could do itself justice at a fire. He thinks that it would be a good thing if a stable were built close to the engine house and an automatic harness furnished for the team. Also that the driver sleep close at hand so that he could be on the ground immediately when an alarm was turned in. He states that the firemen are generally at the house in sufficient numbers to handle the apparatus before the team is out, and with better facilities for getting the team out much of the delay would be avoided.

Mr. Dickson does not think there would be any great benefit to the system in having three paid men, as this would not be enough in his opinion to handle the apparatus, and if they got out ahead of the rest of the company they would be compelled to wait until the volunteer men got on the ground. Mr. Dickson also thinks that the city teams should to a certain extent be under the supervision of the chief of the fire department and he could then say how far the team should be allowed to work from the engine house during the daytime. He is also strongly in favor of a fire alarm system; some means of notifying the men that an alarm had been turned in, and of awakening them if the alarm occur at night. Two weeks ago when the run was made to the north end of the city by the west side company a stream was playing on the fire in just ten minutes after the alarm was sounded. The distance was over one mile, and the time made was certainly good for a volunteer company, and shows that with the team handy the men can get to the fire in good time.

A meeting was held by the prominent business men of the city, week before last for the purpose of discussing the matter of improving our fire protection. The Tribune was not invited to this meeting until long afterward, but it is reported that a committee was appointed to ask the city council for needed improvements along this line, and no doubt they will be forthcoming.

How's This?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh cure.

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We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Traux, wholesale druggists, Toledo, O. Waiding, Kinnam & Marvin, wholesale druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's catarrh cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75 c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family pills are the best.

The happy fellow who will be ringing the Christmas Bells must look in at W. G. Scott's to learn what's what in proper furniture for the dear girl's hand. Scott's stock is fine.

Smoke the Winneschek cigar. The best ten cent smoke on earth.

A Freak of Nature.
A. Kallied, the popular hotel man of Spencer, has presented the Times with a natural specimen resembling in appearance Jean Shepherd's body. It is a potato about five inches long, around which, an inch or more back from one end, firmly imbedded, is a band of iron resembling a small horseshoe, but entirely closed. The band of iron is perhaps three inches in diameter with a hole an inch in size through the center. Through this hole the potato grew, forming itself into the likeness of some unnatural looking animal with a collar about its neck. It's not much of a trick to grow a large cucumber in a small necked bottle, but we believe this is the first instance on record where Mr. Murphy, with eyes enough for a whole family, got into a trap of this kind. It is a curiosity worth looking at and can be seen by calling at this office. Marshfield Times.

A Woman's Awful Peril.
"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. J. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, loss of appetite. Try it. Only 50 cts. Guaranteed. For sale by Johnson & Hill Co. and John E. Daly.

Rosander-Hallberg.
Rev. Carl Rosander of Prentice and Miss Elfrida Hallberg of Sigel were married on Thursday at Bethesda Lutheran church, at five o'clock. A reception was held at the home of O. J. Ecklund after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Rosander will be at home at Prentice after January 1st.

Food changed to Poison.
Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing constipation, biliousness, sick headache, fevers all liver, kidney and bowel troubles. Only 25c at Johnson & Hill Co. and John E. Daly.

Saw Death Near.
"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. 50c and \$1 at John E. Daly and Johnson & Hill Co.

The Handsomest Calendar
of the season (in ten colors) six beautiful heads (on six sheets, 10x12 inches), reproductions of paintings by Moran, issued by General Passenger Department, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, will be sent on receipt of twenty-five cents. Address F. A. Miller, general passenger agent Chicago.

Report of the Financial Condition
Of the Bank of Nekoosa, located at Nekoosa, State of Wisconsin, at close of business on the 10th day of December, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 4576.30
Furniture and fixtures	771.89
Bonds, stocks and securities	50.00
Due from banks and bankers	130.55
U. S. and National currency on hand	285.00
Specie	680.00
Notes and cents	5.47
Expenses	145.22
Total	\$ 6745.43
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$ 4000.00
Deposits	1304.61
Due to banks and bankers	1,112.52
Earnings	27.94
Total	\$ 6745.43

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss.
County of Wood.
I, C. L. Stephens, cashier of the above named Bank of Nekoosa, Wisconsin, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1901.
Correct—Attest: JENNY E. FITCH,
Notary Public, Wood County, Wis.

Report of the Financial Condition
The Bank of Grand Rapids (west side), located at Grand Rapids, State of Wisconsin, at close of business on the 10th day of December 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$203,719.36
Overdrafts	6,963.29
Other Real Estate	1,288.26
Bonds, Stocks and Securities	1,500.00
Cash Treas.	3,121.69
Checks on other banks	4,750.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	12,505.17
U. S. and National Currency on hand	1,731.50
Specie	6,881.00
Notes and Cents	118.42
Town orders	3,246.32
Total	\$241,351.62
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,199.18
Undivided Profits less loss and expenses	6,830.39
Deposits	113,462.09
Due to banks and bankers	128,965.36
Total	\$241,351.62

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss.
County of Wood.
I, Isaac P. Witter, vice president of the above named Bank of Grand Rapids, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ISAAC P. WITTER, Vice President.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, 1901.
Correct—Attest: J. W. COCHRAN,
Notary Public, Wood County, Wisconsin.

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Notice of Final Settlement.
Wood County Court—in Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Frank Rathle, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Chas. Friese, administrator representing among other things that he fully was administered the said estate and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing the account of his administration and that the residue of the said estate be assigned to such persons as are by law entitled to the same;
It is ordered, That said application be heard before me, at my office in the city of Grand Rapids, on the 21st day of January, 1902 at 10 o'clock a. m.
And it is further ordered, That notice of said application and hearing be given to all persons interested, by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks in the Grand Rapids Tribune, a newspaper printed in said county, before the day fixed for said hearing.
Dated this 20th day of December, 1901.
By the Court, JOHN A. GAYSON,
County Judge.

If You Could Look
into the future and see the condition to which your cough if neglected, will bring you, you would seek relief at once—
Shiloh's Consumption Cure
Guaranteed to cure Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all Lung Troubles. Cures Coughs and Colds in a day. 50 cents. Write to S. C. WHITE & CO., Le Roy, N. Y., for free trial bottle.
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M. STEINBERG,
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Second hand furniture stoves, and household goods.
Others represent themselves to be in partnership with me, but such is not the case. See Steinberg himself if you want the best prices.
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What They Eat always insist upon having
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Bread made from it retains all the elements of the wheat that goes to make brain and strength and has a delicious wheat flavor that is all its own. Sold by all grocers. If not at yours, write the mill.
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We will place on sale 100 Ladies' Misses and Children's JACKETS. This is a lot of new up-to-date COATS, BOX COATS, AUTO'S, one-half close fitting coats, 60 inch Close Fitting Automobiles, colors, Castor, Tan, and Black at 50 cents on a dollar of the regular price, and you know regular price is very low and now if you will take just one-half of that price you will have the sale price. If you are a projective jacket buyer, do not let this opportunity pass.
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Just received another consignment, several different styles. All Grades.
Look us over before you buy
STOVES.
We still have a few carloads to select from and if you should happen to be in need of anything in this line you cannot do better than to call on us. Our stock comprises Hard Coal, Soft Coal, and Wood Heaters, Cook Stoves and Ranges. We handle the Famous Round Oak Heaters.
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We have many useful and beautiful articles suitable for Holiday gifts. Among these you will find granite ware, fine cutlery of all kinds, nickel plated ware for the housewife, games for the children, and many articles we cannot enumerate here.
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LOCAL ITEMS.

—200 pounds of mixed candy, 1 pound for 25c at G. W. Davis.

The Pittsfield Pilot says that Andy Kundtson has purchased the saloon of Will McLaughlin at Babcock.

—Rich cut glass at Scott's.

The Grand Rapids Lumber company's mill was closed down on Wednesday on account of the funeral of Mr. Sampson's mother.

—Hawkes cut glass at Chapman's.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Congregational church, west side, will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. C. Rossier.

—Bargains in cut glass at Hirzy's.

H. J. Geise has been appointed secretary of the Equitable and Fraternal union to fill the vacancy made by the removal of Walter Denis from the city.

—Buy your diamonds at Hirzy's and save money.

The tax roll was delivered to the city treasurer on Wednesday. The rate of taxation is \$2.10 on the \$100 valuation, somewhat less than last year.

—Talk with W. G. Scott about that watch you want.

Remember Rev. Shaw's third lecture on "Ideal Citizenship" on Sunday evening at First Congregational church. Subject "The Wealth of Nations."

—Have you seen that fine line of ebony at W. G. Scott's?

Ex-Governor W. H. Upham of Marshfield has been appointed one of the committee on pensions. The committee is an important one on account of the pension office controversy.

—Candy! Candy! Candy! Special mixed, broken mixed, cream mixed and bon bons. G. W. Davis.

Chilton Times: The families of Peter Nennig and Albert Prahl moved this week to Grand Rapids, where they will make their future home. Mr. Nennig has purchased a farm near that city.

—See the fine line of sterling silver tableware at Chapman's.

The railroads have extended their excursion rates for the benefit of teachers so that they may leave for home as soon as school closes and return after the holidays just before school opens.

—Diamond rings from \$5 up to the highest at A. P. Hirzy's.

The pupils in the seventh and eighth grades were treated to a sleigh ride on Friday night of last week by their teacher, A. E. Falk. The children reported a good time in spite of the cold weather.

—Buy a beautiful mantle clock for your wife or mother at Chapman's.

The Elks of this city are stealthily making preparations for a grand blowout sometime in the latter part of January. It is said that the affair will consist of a ball, and more particulars will be forthcoming later.

—Call and see the beautiful sterling and plated table ware at W. G. Scott's.

Cerusing, the new oil-paint substitute of M. Lepine, is a mixture of animal glue and white lead, with a varying proportion of Borax and a little potash or nitric acid. The usual pigments are added for the various colors.

—Fresh peanuts and pop corn in an up-to-date roaster at G. W. Davis.

Mrs. John Anderson of Sigel died on Wednesday of consumption after a lingering illness. The deceased was forty years of age and leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. The funeral occurred on Friday.

—A. P. Hirzy has a nice line of diamonds which will give bargains on over the holidays.

It is announced that two more of our young people are soon to assume the matrimonial yoke and henceforth trot in double harness, they being Miss Bessie Price and Guile Smart. The affair to take place on Christmas day.

—For bargains in everything in Holiday Goods don't forget to call on Johnson & Hill Co.

The public schools close today (Friday) and the youngsters will have a vacation until the 6th of January, when the session opens once more. This gives them two whole weeks in which to enjoy the pleasures of the holidays.

—Now is the time to get you a good time piece. You can buy one of Chapman on easy payments.

The Methodist church at Marshfield burned on Thursday morning. The edifice was being remodeled and a fire had been kept in the structure so that the carpenters could work and the fire was discovered about six o'clock in the morning.

—Books! Books!! Books!!! An immense assortment cheap at Johnson & Hill Co.'s Drug Dept.

Merchants pretty generally report Christmas trade good during the past week, the good sleighing and general good times making it favorable for the farming trade to get into town. All of the merchants have put in a larger stock than usual this season.

—You can get you a watch that will last a lifetime on easy payments at Chapman's.

The ladies of the St. Katherine's Guild held a sale of Christmas articles at their guild hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The cold weather that prevailed was not conducive to bringing out a large crowd, but they report a fairly good attendance.

—FOR SALE—Four horses, cheap, must be sold at once, or will trade for good livery horse. M. A. ROTOCKER.

On Tuesday Oliver Akey the real estate man of Rudolph sold 120 acres of wild land, situated in Portage county near Mill creek. Ernest Leidl bought forty acres and Frank Bengert eighty. The land was owned by Chas. Daly.

Subject for discourse of the M. E. church on Sunday morning will be "Prophetic Pictures of Christ." In the evening "Mind your Own Business." Every Sunday morning the pastor will preach a five-minute sermon for the boys and girls, to which they are all invited.

—John Dangler's Capital for 5 cents is a gentleman's smoke.

—The Wisconsin Central will sell on Jan. 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, home seekers tickets to points in the north, west and south at a fare one way plus two dollars for the round trip ticket, good 21 days from date of sale. For further particulars apply at ticket office.

Young women ushers at church have been introduced by a Pennsylvania pastor, with the result of greatly increasing his congregation. The girls not only escort people to their seats, but pass the collection baskets, and it is said, are careful not to remove these baskets too soon.

—Used by the ladies of fashion all over the world. It's without doubt the greatest beautifier ever offered the American women. 35c. Made only by Madison Medicine Co. Johnson & Hill Co.

Elbert Kellogg will take charge of the Nekosia branch of the Kellogg Bros. Lumber Co. after the 1st of January. A. J. Boyles having resigned his position down there. Mr. Boyles will go to Wausau to assist his father in the management of the business college at that point.

On Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1st the Wisconsin Central will sell round trip excursion tickets to any point within 200 miles at rate of one and one third fare for the round trip with a minimum rate of one dollar. Tickets good returning Jan. 2nd.

Attorney J. W. Cochran filed with the Register of Deeds for record his oath of office and official bond as Supervisor of Assessments on Monday of this week, signed by himself as principal and the National Surety company of N. Y., as surety, in the sum of \$5000, which was duly approved by the county judge John A. Gaylor, as required by law.

—Susan—The pimples, sore and blackheads are danger signals. Take Rock Mountain Tea, you'll give a farewell reception to your troubles. 35c at Johnson & Hill Co.

A naturalist says that every time a farmer shoots a hawk, he throws a \$50 bill into the fire, for although the bird takes an occasional chicken, it destroys at least a thousand rats, mice and gophers every year. Prof. Hodge, of Clark University, estimates toads are worth \$18 each for their work as destroyers of cut worms.—Ex.

—If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's stomach and liver tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free at Johnson & Hill Co.'s drug store.

Joseph Rick has leased his farm north of the city to Albert Kushtush of the town of Grand Rapids. The farm contains 100 acres lying partly in the town of Sigel and partly in this city. The lease was made for a term of three years and Mr. Rick is to receive one-third of the crop as compensation. A new dwelling will be erected on the place in the spring.

—Puts gray matter in your head. Brings a ruddy glow to faded cheeks. Restores vim, vigor, mental and physical happiness. That's what Rocky mountain tea will do. 35c at Johnson & Hill Co.

Private advices from C. V. Snyder, who until recently filled the position of agent at the Wisconsin Central depot, state that he is now in Sioux City, Iowa, where he has accepted a position with a railroad company, which is more lucrative than the one he held here. His friends here will wish him success in his new field of operation.

—4 pounds of mixed candy for 25c and 4 pounds of mixed nuts for 25c at G. W. Davis.

Last week the Tribune made Uncle William Bell a member of the G. A. R. Post of this city, which, it seems, is not a fact. In speaking of the surprise that was sprung on him it was also neglected to state that this was entirely by the ladies of the M. E. church, the post having nothing to do with the matter excepting to get Mr. Bell on the ground, the ladies having planned and executed the whole affair.

—A certain man in this town needs watching! Is he your husband, your brother or your son? I have noticed him gazing longingly at the gold watches in Scott's window, get him one, \$5 to \$75.

This section of the country experienced two of the coldest nights on Friday and Saturday of last week that has been felt for some time. Saturday morning the mercury stood 28 degrees below zero and on Sunday morning 30 degrees below. These figures are not positive, but seem to be the average. This was colder than we had at any time last year, and coming as it did right on the heels of mild weather it seemed all the more severe. Very few thought that it would be so cold, and as a consequence it caught many totally unprepared for such severe weather.

—One big load of dry kindling wood delivered to any part of the city for one dollar. BADGER BOX & LUMBER CO. Telephone No. 314.

The Colby Phonograph is evidently paving the way so that when the time comes it can make a graceful flop from the democratic to the republican ranks. The owner has made several editorial remarks to such an effect that one can only believe that that is the ultimate intention and he evidently intends to let the democratic party down as easy as possible: break the news gently, as it were. We will try to survive the shock, but it seems a trifle mean for Sam to go back on us in this way when he held the post-office the last time the democrats were passing around the persimmons.

—A large assortment of couches in velours, tapestries, plushes and leather any of which would make a welcome Christmas gift. Remember and call for one of those beautiful pictures which goes with every purchase at Geo. W. Baker's furniture store.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wm. Berg will spend Christmas at home.

Nic Berg of Auburndale was in the city on Thursday on business.

Mrs. John Carden has been quite sick the latter part of the week.

A. E. Gerner of Dexterville was in the city on Monday on business.

Edwin Berg has returned from Tomahawk to spend a week at home.

Dr. O. T. Hungen made a professional trip to City Point on Thursday.

City Atty. B. R. Goggins transacted legal business at Appleton on Saturday.

Paul Phillee of Tomahawk spent the past week with relatives in this city.

Miss Edith Johnson from Superior is the guest of her cousins the Misses Berg.

Lumberman John Daly spent Saturday and Sunday in Merrill on business.

Harvey Rowland is home from the university at Madison to spend the holidays.

Drs. Frank and Charles Pomainville made a business trip to Arpin on Sunday.

Miss Mary Kromer of West Superior arrives today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Sidney Denis is home from Chicago to spend the holidays with his parents in this city.

Miss Katherine Friese of Merrill was the guest of Miss Annelia Bandelin over Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Cochran and son William are expected home from Janesville, this Saturday evening.

John Vanderhei has accepted a position in the dry goods department of the Johnson & Hill Co.

Misses Berdena and Flo Berg attended the entertainment given by Miss Thomas at Vesper.

E. Schwartz is now the foreman at the Green Bay & Western round house in place of J. Cosgrove, resigned.

Mrs. Chas. Packard and daughter, Mrs. W. C. McGlynn, of Pittsfield were in the city shopping on Wednesday.

H. E. Reed of Nekosia was in the city this week looking up new members for the Mystic Workers of the World.

R. R. Kempter of La Crosse, deputy collector of this district, was in the city on Thursday in the discharge of his business.

Charles Klevene has gone to Apollonia where he has accepted a job as scaler for the Arpin Hardwood lumber company.

Bishop Weller was in the city on Sunday and conducted services at the Episcopal church, and also confirmed a class of five.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Closuit returned to the city last Friday and will go to housekeeping in the house near the Green Bay depot.

Mrs. Maggie Skiby and sons Frank and John are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schanock of the west side this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McLaughlin of Pittsfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughlin in this city the latter part of last week.

Mrs. John Possely returned on Wednesday from Appleton where she had been in attendance at the bedside of a sick sister for the past two weeks.

Rube Lyons is expected home from the Klondike country along about the holidays sometime to spend a part of the winter at least with his relatives here.

C. J. Duncan left on Tuesday for Jennings, La., where he will visit his parents about three weeks. He expects to return to this city again after completing his visit.

W. E. Ole, of the firm of Ole Bros., of Stevens Point, who did the brick and stone work on the T. E. Nash residence, was in the city a short time Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Paulus expect to spend Christmas at Chilton with Mr. Paulus' mother, after which they start to Washington to spend the remainder of the winter.

Dr. F. D. Humphrey went to Chicago on Tuesday with Mrs. Eugene Sparks who entered the Chicago Homeopathic hospital to undergo an operation at which the doctor assisted.

Matt Frost of Sigel was among the Tribune callers on Thursday. Mr. Frost has about fifty cords of wood which he is engaged in hauling to the city during his spare time.

Merchant Wm. Downing of Dexterville was in the city on Tuesday. Mr. Downing informed us that the Hiles lumber company will put in between five and six million feet this winter.

Mrs. Ethel Kirnan Rood and Miss Manser of Stevens Point were down to attend Miss Rood's recital of Wednesday evening. While here they were entertained by Mrs. Isaac Witter.

Charles Smith, conductor on the Green Bay & Western, has been laid up in the hospital at Green Bay undergoing a surgical operation. It is expected that he will be back to work next week.

Attorney H. E. Fitch of Nekosia was in the city on Monday, being attorney for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs. P. Van Ruth against George Van Rath for divorce. The decree was granted.

Mrs. F. J. Cameron and son, Adrian, left for Milwaukee this week and they expect to remain in that city over the holidays, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cameron. They will be joined by F. J. Cameron later.

R. M. Beeston has resigned his position with the Johnson & Hill Co. and Mr. and Mrs. Beeston expect to leave soon for Spring Creek to spend the holidays. Mr. Beeston will go into business elsewhere.

J. E. Ingraham of Babcock was in the city on Tuesday and Wednesday on business. Mr. Ingraham is actively engaged in the real estate business and expects to handle a great deal of land during the coming season.

John M. Chapman of Belknap, N. Y., now attending the university at Madison, is expected Saturday to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Jones. Mrs. Jones' son, Seth, of Boston is also expected.

Chas. A. Pedawitz was in Marshfield Wednesday evening, where he attended the organization of Herman Bartell Camp and was made one of the trustees of the organization. The camp is an organization of the veterans of the Spanish-American war and starts out with eighteen members and several applications.

High School Notes.

The attendance Monday was a little below the average on account of the cold weather.

The report cards for the second examination were given out recently and most of the students seem satisfied with the first quarter's work.

As a result of the cold snap the building did not get warm Monday until noon but since then it has been quite comfortable.

The expression on the students' faces show that they have been waiting patiently for school to close today (Friday) so they can enjoy their two weeks' vacation.

The football boys intend to have their pictures taken and sent to the Milwaukee Sentinel. The boys played an exceptionally strong game this year winning all four games played and having their goal line crossed only once.

The winter work of the Forum was started two weeks ago and from now on there will be regular weekly meetings. The Freshmen have organized a debating society, they holding their meetings every Tuesday after school. The officers elected were Roy Lester, President; Anna Daly, Vice Pres. and Chas. Lefelbein, secy.

Forum will adjourn this (Friday) evening until January 10, 1902. The following programme will be rendered at Forum this evening:

Musical	Roll call.	Glee Club
Reading	Debate.	Booth Miller
Declamation		Royal Nash

Resolved: That all trusts and combinations intended to monopolize industries should be prohibited.

Alternative.

Charles Briere

William Teller

Paul Swain

Essay

Optional

Negative.

John Corcoran

Wm. Brown

Kenneth Kelly

Ophelia Desstant

Lynne Reno

Society and Club Notices.

The Mission band will meet on Saturday afternoon with Miss Addie Baker.

The Woman's Club will meet next Monday evening with Mrs. Wm. Scott.

The Historical and Literary society will meet on Monday evening with Mrs. Isabelle Phillee.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church, west side, will meet on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. C. Benner.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church of east side will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Sable.

Excursion Rates.

For the holidays via the Green Bay line.

To all stations within 200 miles the G. B. & W. will sell excursion tickets for one and one-third fare for round trip on December 24th and 25th and December 31st and January 1st; limited to January 2d, 1902.

In addition to above will also sell excursion tickets to teachers and students between December 13th and 21st, limited to January 8th, 1902, for one and one-third fare for round trip. Teachers and students must furnish a certificate to ticket agent signed by principal of school when calling for ticket. Call at office for particulars or telephone 369 or 134.

A. D. BILL, Agent.

Tour of all Mexico.

Leaving Chicago, Tuesday, January 23, 1902.

Extended itinerary of forty days includes the famous ruins of Aztec, Chacoan, Aztec, Teotihuacan, Oaxaca, the Grand Canyon of Mexico, and three circle tours in the tropics. Special package fares for the entire tour, sleeping and dining cars, drawing rooms, comfortable, library, observation, parlor and music room and the celebrated open top car. Comfortable, leisurely schedules with long stops. All the agreeable features of the personally conducted system eliminated; no pressing on foot or in carriages; no moving about in a body.

Best rooms at the best hotels, with private dining room. Tour under escort of the American Tourist Association, with the general manager, Mr. Dean Campbell, in charge of the train and tour, 1421 Marquette building, Chicago. Tickets include all expenses everywhere. Illustrated literature on request, all information, reservations and bookings at the offices of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

—No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once a day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Johnson & Hill Co.

—It is a significant fact after people look elsewhere, they end up at our store and buy their finest china. A. P. Hirzy.

—We think if anything our line of hand painted china excels anything we ever had in our store. Call at Chapman's and be convinced.

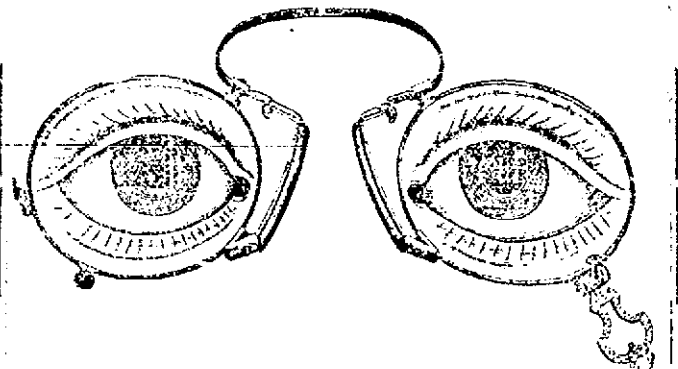
—Do not neglect to call at Johnson & Hill Co.'s and examine their line of Holiday Goods and Pictures before making your Xmas purchases.

—A large line of white enamel and gold cases at prices that defy competition. A beautiful picture goes with every sale at Geo. W. Baker's furniture store.

—We have struck the popular taste in rings by experience, not by guess, and offer the largest and best line of solid gold set rings in the northwest. A. P. Hirzy.

—FOR SALE—A building 16x24 very cheap. Also a lot of studding and joists. Apply to D. FAUCHET.

Defects in Eyesight



Can be corrected by having your eyes fitted accurately to a pair of glasses by J. R. CHAPMAN. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

If you will watch closely our advertisements hereafter you will find something new every week.

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Next Wednesday there will be a sale of

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Buy Now.

You will find something nice for a Christmas present among these goods. N. B. No trading stamps given on goods advertised on sales day

MRS. J HAMM,

EAST SIDE, TELEPHONE NO. 268.

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You will probably want some photos during the holidays to give your friends, and if so I think it entirely probable that I can please you at my studio. Photos finished in any style to suit the customer. You cannot appreciate how many new styles there are to select from unless you visit my gallery and look them over.

Views, Crayon and Photo Enlargements, Carbon Prints, etc.

I have an extra nice selection of views from this part of the country. Come and look them over.

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Extra fine quality made in choice colors and will wear many years. Sizes 9x12 feet.

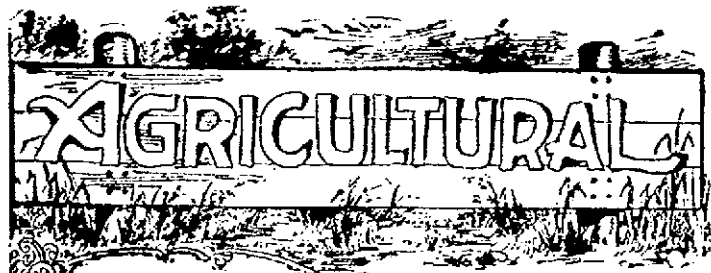
Kensington Art Squares

Extra super, all wool, Beautiful designs, sizes 9x7½ to 9x10½ feet.

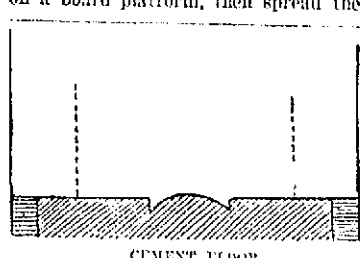
Philippine Brussels Art Squares, extra fine, in solid two tone effects, exquisite designs. Sizes 9x7½ to 9x13 1-2 feet.

Smyrna Rugs, sizes 18x34 to 30x60 in all of which will go at lower prices than can be obtained at any other place in the city. Make your selections early as these goods are bargains.

Your Choice of a Line of Beautiful Colored Pictures GIVEN WITH EVERY PURCHASE.



Building a Cement Floor.
A cement floor is quite expensive, but if properly made will last for many years. By using a cheaper grade of cement than the Portland for the foundation, the expense of the floor will be much reduced. To make the filling, take one part of cement, three parts of clean, sharp sand, and five parts of broken stone. Mix the sand and cement while dry, and mix thoroughly; then add sufficient water to make a paste. Work the mixture with a hoe until the sand particles are covered with the cement. Spread this mixture on a board platform, then spread the



broken stones over it and mix all until the stones are completely covered with a coating of the cement. The surface on which the cement is to be placed should be graded with a slight slope toward the gutter, as shown in the illustration, the plan calling for an arrangement where the cows stand rear to rear, the gutter being in the middle. When the surface is properly graded, spread the mixture over it to the depth of at least four inches, and compact it thoroughly. This filling should be left until partially dried before the top coat is given. The time for drying will depend somewhat on the weather. For the second coat, only the best grade of cement should be used, mixing one part of it dry with three parts of good sand, adding water until a stiff mortar is obtained. This mixture should then be spread over the foundation mixture, and should be about an inch thick. The gutter should be cemented also, and be made with the slightly rounding center. The gutter should slope gradually to one end of the stable, where a vat should be placed to hold the liquid. Indianapolis News.

Self-Feeder for Cattle.
The Iowa Homestead publishes an illustration of a self-feeder for cattle which a correspondent of that journal built. Above the triangular hopper is



a door with traps in it running the entire length of the building, and the hopper can be replenished from time to time, as occasion requires. Feed can be stored here for bad weather. A door, shown in the illustration, is where the self-feeder is replenished from the wagon when the weather is fine.

A SELF-FEEDER FOR CATTLE.

Silos and Ensilage.
An exchange says that twenty years ago there were not twenty-five silos in America, and now there are at least a half-million. We will not vouch for the accuracy of their figures, but know that they increase rapidly each year. To use an old phrase, they seem to "fill a long-felt want." We are proud to think that we wrote in their favor more than twenty years ago, when many other agricultural writers were either condemning the idea, or had nothing to say about them. The ideas in regard to the variety of corn to raise and mode of growing have changed much in that time, and while then the larger varieties of Western corn were grown and sown thickly to get as large a crop as possible to the acre, with stalks twelve to fifteen feet high, now the majority seem to favor the smaller varieties of field corn, like Longfellow or Congdon, and planting at distances that will tend to a good growth of ears, which are allowed to become nearly matured, if not quite glazed over before they are cut. Some even let it become glazed, and then wet it as put into the silo, and claim to have good ensilage. American Cultivator.

In the Cow Stable.

The cows' stable should have light, ventilation, cleansing, drainage, no offensive matter allowed about the stable, sufficient supply of pure water and wholesome food for the cows. No dairyman should be so negligent as to be responsible for the transmission of disease through the sale of milk for the want of cleanliness. Our best authorities claim that the danger from cow tuberculosis is small compared with the

danger which may occur from uncleanness and improper sanitary conditions about the dairy.

Sheltering Tools.

The farmer cannot afford to have good tools and machinery on his farm, unless he can afford to have buildings to protect them from the weather, and he cannot spend an hour or a day more profitably than in cleaning them up, overhauling them and making repairs on them before they are likely to be wanted again. The plows, harrows and more expensive machinery left out of doors this winter will deteriorate in value more than one-fifth. The loss would more than pay the interest on the cost of a good building to shelter them in, and in many cases exceed the taxes on the farm. If they were not properly cared for when last used, take one of these fine days and gather them up, clean them, oil all the iron work and paint all the wood work. Never mind getting a painter to do the job. Buy a can of ready mixed paint and a cheap brush. Use any color that you like, but use it freely, not as an ornament, but as a preservative of the wood as the oil is of the iron. We heard of two farmers who owned a harrow in partnership, and thought it should be painted, but could not agree on the color. Finally they compromised, and one painted his half black, while the other used yellow ochre. We never learned which half wore out first. While overhauling, see that all bolts and nuts are in place and broken parts mended. Massachusetts Ploughman.

Comfort for the Hog.

The comfort of any living thing means a great deal, and if a hog is not comfortable, he will not do his best. The real object in keeping hogs is to make a profit out of them, and the hog that will respond the best to good care and a variety of feed is the best hog to have, says the New York Farmer. There is no profit in keeping hogs to see how much cold and heat they can stand, or to see how long they will live shut up in a small yard, fed on dry corn and filthy water. You can't starve a hog into dollars. The nearer we can come to supplying all the needs of our hogs, the more pay we will get for our labor. There cannot be a set of iron rules laid down, governing the feed and care of a herd of hogs. We must use our thinking apparatus and keep the hogs comfortable. A good breeder was asked, "How do you mix your swill?" He replied, "I mix it with brains." We can't make a success unless we give our business our best thought. We must study the hog, his wants, and keep him so his coat is sleek, with a nicely tipped ear and two curls in his tail, contented, happy and comfortable.

Fast Walking Horses.

Horse breeders and trainers almost entirely overlook or neglect one of the most valuable features in a horse, and that is fast walking in draft and road horses, writes a correspondent in Practical Farmer. This seems never to be bred for, and as to training for it, I, for one, have never seen it done but once. If the breeder will select a fast walking mare and stallion, the colt will most likely be a fast walker, but no attention is now paid to this point. Other things being equal, if a team will walk 50 per cent faster than another it will be worth 50 per cent more. Once let the public become interested in fast walkers and the breeding of farm and draft horses would be conducted with that end in view, to the great benefit of all concerned in such stock.

Trying Up Berry Bushes.

Where the snow is liable to drift and bank up over raspberry canes, breaking them down, it is a good plan to group them in bunches and tie the tops of a dozen to twenty canes together very much as a shock of corn fodder is tied, using a piece of wire. This keeps them erect, and the weight of the snow will come on the whole bunch rather than on each cane singly. They usually break so low as to be useless. To keep them from breaking is the thing to do.

Properly Balanced Food.

Cows should be fed a properly balanced ration. Experience has demonstrated that the proportion of digestible protein and carbohydrates should be about as one to five and a half or six.

Agricultural Atoms.

Scouring by the ton is a Pennsylvania industry.

Black rot has done great injury in New York State cabbage fields.

Recent trials indicate that malted barley is not an economical feed for work horses.

An airtight silo, a mature crop and careful packing are the essentials of successful ensilage.

A deficient and inferior wheat harvest in France is the report of the United States Consul at Rouen.

Gather, pile and burn the old cucumber, squash and melon vines and thus reduce the next crop of beetles.

Tobacco dust treatment kills root aphids of trees. Uncover the roots as far as they can be traced, cover with tobacco dust and replace the soil.

Spraying with bordeaux resin mixture for the control of asparagus rust at the Geneva (N. Y.) station has given a gain of almost one-half in quality and quantity.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is bright,
Children in frocks of red, blue and white,
Christmas in hands of their parents and friends,
Christmas where snow is piled on the ground and the hills,
Christmas where children are merry and gay,
Christmas where old men and women are glad,
Christmas where peace is the theme in its song,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is bright.

For the child who comes to the Master of all,
No palace too great, no cottage too small;
The angels who worship Him sing from the heights,
In the city of David, a King is his right!
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is bright.

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Child's play for sorrow, Christ's love for sin,
Christ's love for the wicked, Christ's love for the lost,
Christ's love for the darkness, Christ's love for the light,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is bright.

So the stars of the midnight which compass the round,
Shall see a strange glow and hear a sweet sound,
And ere the dawn the earth is again with delight,
On the morning, rejoiced at the sight!
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is bright! — Phillips Brooks.

GREAT OAKS AND LITTLE ACORNS.

A Christmas Story.

It was two weeks before Christmas. The weather had been mild and pleasant until a few days before the story begins. The older folks had predicted an open winter, adding that there are no such snows now as there were when they were young. But the winter had started now in earnest and it was cold enough to satisfy the most winter-loving heart. The inhabitants of Allentown were satisfied at any rate.

In the western part of Indiana was Ruby valley, the most beautiful and fertile spot in all the country round. In the midst of this valley Allentown lay, the hills that arose on all sides were covered with walnut and oak. A small cottage, cozy and clean, stood a little removed from the main portion of the town. The small yard was surrounded by a neat fence. A large oak spread its great branches over the tiny house with a protecting air that seemed to say, "Don't be afraid; I am here to take care of you."

That same oak had stood there for many a year, beaten by storm and rain, shone on by sun and moon alike, but tall and straight as ever. Years ago old Squire Martin had planted it, watching its growth with much interest and often repeating the old adage, "Great oaks from little acorns grow." When his sons and daughter became dissatisfied with the farm and the hard work and longed to give it up and go out into the world and do something great, the old man would say, "Have patience. Even that great oak from a little acorn grew; your time, too, will come."

The Squire died long ago but his memory is still green in the hearts of the old folks who can remember him. The old house was torn down, and the cottage, built some years ago, was now occupied by the Squire's granddaughter, a widow with three children.

Mrs. Roderie had been making a scant living for herself and children by sewing for some of the ladies in the town. But for some weeks she had been scarce, so scarce, indeed, that sometimes she would not eat for a day or two. As for Christmas presents, they were entirely out of the question; she must not entertain the thought for a moment. Last year it was different, but now—

Clyde, a manly boy of 12, felt that he could do without Christmas presents, for he was almost a man. But Dorothy and little Noel, they must have something. What! Christmas without even some candy for them?

"Never mind, mother mine! There are two other ways, you know, I shall find something to do," he added in a voice of determination, as he picked up his books and started for school.

"All that day the thought was in his head. What could he do? Sell papers? No! There were already many newsboys then were needed. And he could not black boots. But there must be something for me to do," he said.

That evening and for many succeeding evenings he hunted for something that he could make a little money at, to buy a Christmas present for Dorothy and the baby. It now lacked only five days until Christmas. Clyde was discouraged but not ready to give up. He went to bed early that the morrow might bring something.

"Remember," he said as he climbed to the room where he slept, "Mother used to say that her grandfather's favorite saying was 'great oaks from little acorns grow.' I just wish I could find an acorn. Then kneeling, he asked the Master of all good to help him. He was soon sleeping and dreaming of baby Noel hanging up his tiny sock and laughing in delight when he found what Santa Claus had brought him.

All that night the snow fell softly, softly, as though afraid of waking the sleeping earth, and field and fence were soon wrapped in a soft white blanket. The trees were soon transferred into ghostly forms, but Clyde slept on unconscious of the good fortune the snow was storing up for him.

The next morning when Clyde looked out upon the beautiful snow, he was pleased. Then, as an idea struck him, he leaped down the stairs. Nobody was as yet. Stepping softly, he put on cap and mittens and, taking a shovel, he quietly let himself out into the cold morning air. There was no snow falling now, but the sky was still cloudy.

Going to the different houses, he asked if they did not want him to shovel the snow off their paths. Many, knowing and liking the bright-faced lad and his hard-working mother, gave him the work to do.

The last place he went was to a store of Oscar Alan, grocer. Clyde entered the store and taking off his cap advanced to the desk where Mr. Alan was busy writing and waiting for that gentleman to speak. Mr. Alan was very busy and did not deign to be very amiable over an interruption.

"Well, what is it?" he asked rather gruffly, without looking up.

"If you please, would you like your sidewalk cleaned?" asked Clyde.

"Do I want my sidewalk cleaned, boy?" glancing at the boy over his glasses. "Well, yes, I believe I do," he added kindly when he noticed the eager look.

Clyde went to work like a boy. "I believe I have found an acorn. It is small, but I think it will grow," he laughed to himself.

Mr. Alan watched Clyde, and then, as he came in glowing from the exercise, said, "That boy will do."

"I thank you sir," said Clyde as he received his pay.

"You have no school until after Christ-

CHRISTMAS MORNING.



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mas, do you?" questioned the storekeeper.

"No, sir," was the answer.

"How would you like to run errands for the store while you are not at school? Our errand boy is sick. I shall pay you according to your work. What do you say?"

"I say I thank you, and it is very good in you to offer me the place. I am glad with pleasure," responded Clyde.

"Well, come back after you have had your breakfast and you will find plenty to do."

"Yes, sir," and Clyde was off like a shot to tell mother.

"I must find out more about him. Why, he looked as pleased as if I had offered him five dollars—more so, for I believe he is too proud for that," said the storekeeper.

Clyde's mother rejoiced with him. "My brave boy," she said, "I am very glad you were sure you would succeed and you have."

"Yes, mother, that acorn is growing," he said, and then laughed at his own strange idea. He had his money in the left where he slept and then after eating his breakfast he started for the store.

Indeed, I need not tell you to be honest. You are always that," said his mother. "Remember that an all-seeing eye watches you, though your mother cannot."

"Don't worry about me, mother," he answered, cheerily.

In his few leisure moments that day, Clyde looked around to see what he would buy. There was a beautiful gold-colored doll—Dorothy must have that; how pleased she would be! She had only a rag doll since Melinda had broken her head. There was also a box of soldiers, the very thing for Noel. Clyde could almost see the baby clap his small hands when he saw those gaily-dressed soldiers. That night Clyde went home tired but very happy.

The morning of the twenty-fourth came at last. Clyde intended to buy his presents that day. Carefully he reached for the box that held his small store of money, the little acorn from which such a great oak was to grow. Why were the box and the money not there? He had counted the money. Yes, he had replaced the box, but it surely was not there now. Where could it be? Clyde sat down to think. Poor boy! All his beautiful air castles came tumbling down about his ears. Sorrowfully he descended to the family room. His mother was scarcely less disappointed than he was.

Mr. Alan noticed the boy's face that day and wondered why it was that he did not whistle about his work as usual and why he looked so sad. By a little questioning Mr. Alan soon had the whole story; how the money was lost and how Dorothy and Noel could not have the doll and soldiers and how he had even hoped to buy a shovel for mother and was bitterly disappointed. Of himself he thought little; it was for the little brother and sister. Mr. Alan said nothing, but his silent sympathy did Clyde good.

It was Christmas eve, a time of peace and good cheer on earth and good will to men. Sweet thoughts of the Christ child in His lovely cradle, of the brilliant star that guided the wise men to the far-off town where the Saviour lay; thoughts of the dear father who last year was with them but who was now in heaven filled him with a strange peace as he hurried home through the crowded streets. The snow was falling fast, but no one seemed to mind. It was Christmas eve.

After the children were in bed, Clyde sat talking to his mother, who had a bit of work to finish. Outside the wind howled and moaned down the narrow streets, whistled through the oaks and drove the snow in clouds everywhere. The drifts were piled high until one could scarce see where the fences were. Inside the fire glowed and burned brightly; the shining tress on the opposite wall twinkled merrily and reflected the fire-light.

"Clyde, I think you had better get another sock of wool," said Mrs. Roderie. Clyde took the lantern and opening the door, stepped out. His foot struck something, a dark object at his feet; it was a lump. A sudden shout brought his mother to the door and together they brought the basket in.

With trembling hands Clyde took off the cover. There lay a card: "For Clyde Roderie, from one who appreciates his efforts. A merry Christmas." Beneath was the golden-haired doll, the soldiers, a cap for the baby, a dress for Dorothy, a shovel for mother, a fur cap for himself and last but not least some candy and nuts.

"Oh, it must have been Mr. Alan, mother. How good of him!"

"Yes, indeed," Dorothy asked me if Santa Claus was coming and cried when I told her I was afraid not," replied Mrs. Roderie.

Clyde was dancing around like a will-o'-the-whisp, with the cap upon his head.

"Yes, and I was so disappointed when I lost the money I had begun to think my acorn was not going to grow. But I really think it is growing, don't you mother?"

"Yes, Clyde, yes. But look how late it is!"

"I wish you a Merry Christmas, mother."

Soon all was quiet in the cottage. It was Christmas eve. Clyde in his

WHEN CHRISTMAS IS OVER.

The Anna is a corner the future.
A hole in its heart named—
While battered and bent is the Christmas tree.
The children on earth is called.
The stars are piled and covered with
And now to the past are added:
The books, with eggs as once discussed.
Rejoice on the staff unbroken.
The doll has rolled to her mother's feet.
Her bed no more is slept on.
But out in the maze of the dimly light
She is often miserably stepped on.
The empty only a noted wee.
Two stars for further dwelling:
The oldest remains of the Christmas tree
Are at last reduced to kindling.
The cat and the dog have resumed their
After a rapid vacation:
The cook in her smocking daily bears
Full many a sad and sorrowful tear.
For Santa Claus in the neighborhood
Of the distant pole now snows,
And while makes up for the time he was
good.
And Jane is as bad as she chooses.
—Edith L. Sabin, in LESTER Weekly.

Christmas Comedies.

Teacher: "Name an animal that has claws, but one we think is very nice."
Voice from the tail of the class: "A
know." Santa Claus? Philadelphia Record.

"Oh, Clarence, do tell me something you would like for Christmas."

"Well, I don't want that crazy thing you've been making out of red ribbon and yellow cheese-cloth." Indianapolis Journal.

"John," asked Mrs. Tackins, tearfully, "do you remember the present Mrs. Page gave me last Christmas?"

"Yes," replied her husband. "What of it?"

"I am almost sure I have sent it to her this year." Brooklyn Life.

"Yes," said Mr. Henpeck, "it is very nice to have an economical wife, but when she makes a smocking jacket from her old bathrobe, and trims it with old curtain cord and buttons, from her last winter's jacket, and gives it to her husband for Christmas, it rather jars his ideas of the economy and frugality of the occasion, although the appropriateness of the gift is as good as usual."

Now Christmas time once more comes round.
With doubt and fear and moping;
My heart is in my boots, when fair
I'd put it in her stocking.
—Hamper's Bazar.

"Of course, you can ask Santa Claus for anything you want."

"Aren't you afraid, mamma, he might think I have an awful call?" Brooklyn Life.

A modest Manyunk maiden says on Christmas eve she always hangs up her school-dictionary. Philadelphia Record.

Christmas Puddings.

With the approach of the Christmas season many housekeepers are looking up the old recipes for plum pudding and experimenting to get their "hand in" so that no failure may attend the final dish of the feast of feasts. It has often been said that the best recipes are not those to be found in cook books, but are handed down from generation to generation by means of directions written in old notebooks and rendered almost illegible from time and long use.

Many new ingredients have been added to the old-time suet, or plum, pudding, but those who have tasted the real English suet pudding, as made by the English housekeeper, prefer it to the rich, dark variety which is so universally served at restaurants and homes. The most digestible suet pudding is that which is light in color when done, and is so tender that it will almost break on being sliced. Old English families still cling to the time-honored custom of having the pudding surrounded by flames as it is brought in. Those who do not have the pudding lighted decorate the top with a sprig of holly, on which there are several bright red berries.

SUET PUDDING.

Ingredients: Three cups of flour, one small cup of suet, two eggs, one cup of raisins, two tablespoons of sugar, half a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of baking powder and enough milk to make a stiff batter. For the soft sauce, three cups of water, the juice of two small lemons and grated rind of one, half a cup of butter, nutmeg to flavor, sugar to taste and enough flour to thicken the whole. For hard sauce, half a pound of butter (not too salt), a teaspoonful of vanilla, two tablespoons of cream and all the powdered sugar that these ingredients will take up.

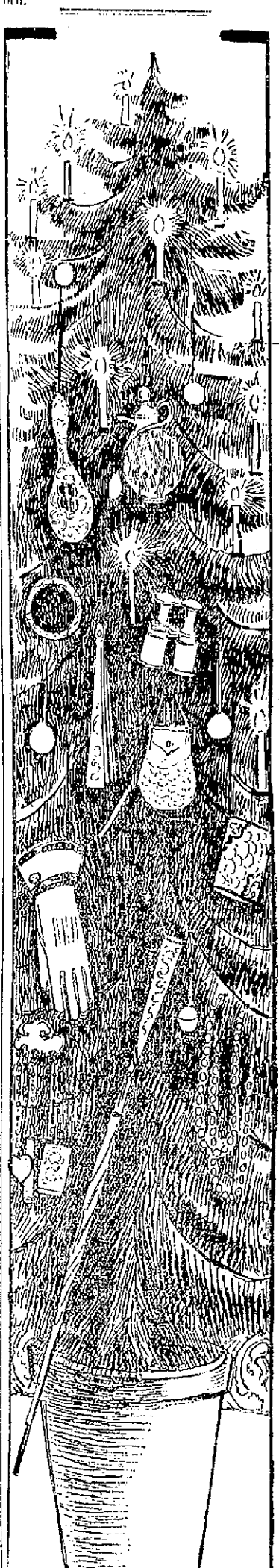
Sift the flour for the pudding and add the dry ingredients. Beat the eggs slightly, add one-half cup of milk and mix with the flour and sugar. Add just enough milk to form a stiff batter. Put the pudding in a bag large enough to allow for its increased size when cooked, and place it in water that is boiling rapidly. Let it cook for three-quarters of an hour, never allowing the water to stop boiling, and keep it covered. If it becomes necessary to add more water, let that be brought to a boiling point before putting it in.

For the soft sauce, simmer all the ingredients, but the lemon and flour, together for five minutes, then thicken with flour. Add the lemon rind and juice just before removing from the fire, as the flavor of the lemon will be changed if it is cooked. For the hard sauce rub the sugar into the butter with a silver fork, add the vanilla and cream, then heat for ten minutes. This should be made one hour before serving and put on ice to cool. —New York Tribune.

Quaint English Christmas Customs.

Rev. E. J. Hardy chats of some quaint Christmas customs and superstitions, both ancient and modern, in the Quiver. "Presents endure aseason, and it is well when 'the compliments of the season' are interchanged in the form of gifts, and if these are eatable they are no worse but all the better for being that. Barrels of oysters and baskets of fish are sent from London to country cousins and other relatives, and these keep up the game literally by returning presents of pheasants and partridges, together with fruit and other garden stuff. In Germany long ago domestic animals were given Christmas presents, and Santa Claus did not reserve them only for the stockings of the children. This was a nice custom, and no doubt added to educate young human beings to be kind to their sister the cow, and their brother the ass, as Francis of Assisi used to call these animals. Some of our new-knew points and pieces we get Christmas boxes of carrots, apples, sugar, rock-salt and other things which are in the stable what turkey, plum pudding and mince pies are in the dining room. In the barracks rooms of cavalry soldiers I generally notice among the colored paper motes which form part of the Christmas decorations the hint: 'Don't forget the horses in the stable.' Even trees used to have the compliments of the season paid to them. On Christmas eve a Devonshire farmer, accompanied by his men, used to take a large bowl of cider with him to his orchard. He would then salute the apple trees with much ceremony, sprinkle cider on their roots and place bits of toast on their branches. All would then form a ring and sing songs. The trees were supposed to bear better for these attentions.

The Jordan, during its course, falls over 1200 feet. At no point is it navigable, even by a small craft, to any considerable distance, and presents the indignant spectacle of a river which has never been navigated flowing into a sea which contains not one living creature.



SIGEL.

A basket sociable was given at the Lindahl home last Saturday night. On account of the extremely cold weather the crowd was small, but such was the liberality of those present that \$50.50 was collected; and as the expenses were small, what was collected was mostly net profit. The money went into the treasury of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Joe Cepress left Grand Rapids to help his father on the farm, but he is not going to stay at home very long as it is too lonesome for him. He is going to Ashland on a week's visit to an older brother of his.

Peter Brostowitz, a son of Bill Brostowitz, has been quite sick of late and we are glad to learn that he is recovering.

A two weeks' vacation is now at hand for the children in Dist. No. 1.

We all know that it was very cold last Friday night, but it seems incredible that steam could have frozen in a pipe of an engine as has been reported.

Says He was Tortured.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Rocinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklin's Arnica salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by Johnson & Hill Co. and John E. Daly. 25c.

REDOLPH.

Louis Lyonnais has changed his intention about moving in the Rapids and has bought the farm of Hubert St. Dennis. Mr. Lyonnais thought that old Redolph was the best place after all.

Peter Keyzer has made some improvements in his saloon by putting up a new pool table, for Mr. Keyzer knows that the boys do not enjoy the full benefit of a saloon without a pool table.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coulthart left here Wednesday morning for Cranmoor, where they will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rezin.

It is reported that several of Rudolph's fair maidens have advertised for husbands. It is that is the case Rudolph's young men must be rather slow.

Pat Rayome departed the first of the week for Mosinee with his father's team where he intends to work in the woods.

The I. O. G. T. lodge entertainment given the 12th was a successful event. And a general good time was had by all.

The box social given John Lindahl Saturday evening was a grand success, financially as well as socially.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinfeld of De Pere are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Keyzer at present.

Haru Lawrence made a business trip to Mosinee Monday.

O. Roosen was in Grand Rapids on business Wednesday.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Ter-It-It to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25 cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. JOHNSON & HILL CO. JOHN E. DALY.

ARPIN.

Mr. and Mrs. James and son Ray of Merrill were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Menier of Arpin, after spending a week, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Menier attended them as far as Nekoosa, where they spent several days visiting friends and relatives after which they departed for Merrill.

BABCOCK.

On Wednesday D. F. Smith of Sparta and Richard Clow of Babcock made a business trip to Armenia, Miner and vicinity. They reported that the weather seemed rather chilly.

D. F. Smith of Milwaukee, who has traveled for the McCormick Co. for the greater part of the time since 1868, was a business visitor here on Friday and Saturday.

M. F. Gilman of Armenia, who is a traveling salesman for the Deering Implement Co., was here on Friday.

Tom Mullen, traveling salesman for Joannes Bros. of Green Bay, transacted business here on Tuesday.

Chas. Miller made a business trip to Grand Rapids Friday. He went up on No. 5 and returned on No. 2.

T. C. St. Amour was in Babcock Friday and Saturday, looking after his candy interests here.

Mrs. Wm. Sullivan and Mrs. Fred Wright made a short shopping trip to Tomah on Monday.

Principal C. W. Jenkins visited over Sunday with friends and relatives in Necedah.

Dr. Simonson of Tomah registered at the Woodland on Wednesday.

The Lyceum held a very enjoyable meeting on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Oldfield was shopping in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Dennis Kennedy was a visitor in Necedah on Saturday.

Brain Food Nonsense.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at Johnson & Hill Co. Get Green's special almanac.

Our cut glass sparkles like a myriad little suns, and the prices will surprise you. The designs are all new and by the best makers. A. P. Hirzy.

PORT EDWARDS.

Landlord E. F. Deyo gave a farewell dance and oyster supper at his hotel on Saturday night. There was a fair attendance in spite of the cold weather and all report a good time.

The C. & N. W. pile driving crew are at work on the bridge for the unloading track across the mill pond. The track laying crew is about a mile from this village.

H. L. Vachrean took a trip up the line on Wednesday to attend the wedding of a friend at Mosinee. A Warner of Merrill relieved him here.

Misses Celia Burr and Anna Granger will have a Christmas tree for their pupils at the Chapel on Tuesday evening. A program has also been arranged for the occasion.

Miss Ida Halverson and Clara Compton of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

C. A. Jaspersen spent Sunday at Grand Rapids the guest of C. S. Whitteley.

Miss Jennie Thorsen of Chicago arrived here on Sunday and expects to spend a few weeks visiting with relatives.

S. Cleveland was a Grand Rapids visitor on Monday.

Mrs. B. P. Allen spent Thursday in Grand Rapids.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Verbunker on Sunday.

Want Cheap Phones.

Two new telephone companies are trying to secure franchises in the city of Milwaukee and the indications are that one of them will secure it, unless of course, the monopoly that now holds the telephone business in its grasp, can bring enough pressure to bear to prevent the granting of a franchise.

In speaking of the matter of cheap telephone service and independent companies, the Milwaukee Free Press says:

"To give an illustration of the way in which these companies have grown, take the counties of Rock, Green, Walworth and Jefferson. Two and a half years ago there was not a single independent telephone in use within their borders; in those counties there are now 4,000 of them. With this in mind it is not so surprising to learn that there are over 20,000 independent telephone subscribers in the state, and 5000 miles of farmers' lines and toll lines connecting various cities, villages and towns. A map of these lines shows a veritable net-work over most of the state south of Marshfield, Hudson and Green Bay, there are lines running as far north as Tomahawk. The counties of Sheboygan, Manitowish, Rock, Green, Dane, Walworth, Columbia, Marquette, Iowa, Sauk, Richland, Grant, Crawford, Vernon, La Crosse, Monroe, Juneau, Pierce, Wood and Waupaca are especially spider-webbed with lines, while Waukesha, Racine and Kenosha counties show, as yet, an almost unoccupied field. It may be said in passing, that although this great number of telephone companies are separate organizations, and each manages its own local affairs, their lines are connected and they have formed an association called the Wisconsin Independent Telephone Association, with headquarters at Madison, for the purpose of acting together upon matters concerning their policy and general welfare, and they thus form a united body. The next annual meeting of this association will be held in Milwaukee in February and the public will hear more about it."

About Time.

As this is about the time of year when people of honest inclinations are making efforts to "square accounts" before the end of the year and to commence the new year with a clean page and a clear conscience, the following, clipped from an exchange is very apt at this time, and worthy of being reprinted: "No wonder that time is represented as haggard and worn out. A watch keeps time, the chorister beats time, the clock strikes time, all trains run on time, horses run against time, people threaten to do things on time, if they can get time, criminals serve time, the prisoner does time, at a prize fight they call time, everybody tries to kill time, perhaps your subscription is behind time, if you pay up on time we could have a time." A word to the wise is sufficient; pay what you owe—the printer on time.—Tomah Journal.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were granted during the past week:

Richard Buss of the town of Grand Rapids to Ida Hessler town of Hansen. Edw. W. Rose to Mattie Miller, both of Dexterville.

—If your dealings with J. R. Chapman have been satisfactory, call and see him this year for Xmas presents. We want to do business on our merits.

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Can be found in great quantities at Hirzy's store. Biggest stock in the county.

Watches,
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—If you will make a few inquiries about where to take your watch for repairs you will surely take it to J. R. Chapman, the expert watch maker.

—WANTED—A canvasser to canvass for the cook book edited by St. Katherine's guild. Good opportunity for some energetic person. Apply to Rev. L. Kroll.

Business Locals.

—Dr. J. J. Looze Grand Rapids, office over Wood County Drug store, telephone No. 62. Residence telephone No. 240.

—Dr. A. L. Ridgman, Centralia. Office over Centralia Drug Store. Telephone No. 92. Telephone at residence, No. 23.

—F. Pomainville, M. D. Office in rear of Steib's drug store. Telephone at office, No. 35; residence, Centralia, No. 248.

—Dr. D. Waters, physician and surgeon. Office over Church's drug store, telephone 182. Night calls at Dixon House, telephone 55.

—Dr. Chas. Pomainville, Dentist. Office over J. A. Cohen's store, Grand Rapids, Wis. Telephone 216.

—For fine dental work, go to Dr. D. A. Teller, office over Wood County National Bank, Grand Rapids.

—Dr. F. D. Humphrey, homeopathic physician and surgeon, office over "White Front." Special attention given to women and children and all chronic diseases.

—A. B. Crawford, Dentist. Office in Reiland building, Grand Rapids. High grade service at reasonable fees.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

State of Wisconsin—Wood County—In County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Dora King, deceased.

On application of Theodore Linker, Administrator with will annexed of the Estate of Dora King, deceased, for the adjustment and allowance of his administration account, and for his discharge as such administrator.

It is ordered, that said account be examined, adjusted and allowed, at a special term of said court, to be held in the court house, in the city of Grand Rapids, said county of Wood, on the 15th day of December, to wit, the 20th day of December, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

And it is further ordered, that notice of the time and place of the examination and allowance of said account, be given to all persons interested, by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks before said day, in the Grand Rapids Tribune, a weekly newspaper published at the city of Grand Rapids, in said Wood County.

Dated November 15th, A. D. 1911.

By the Court, JOHN A. GAYSON, County Judge.

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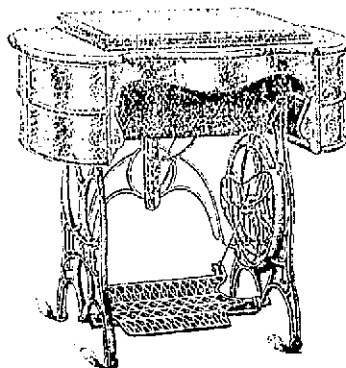
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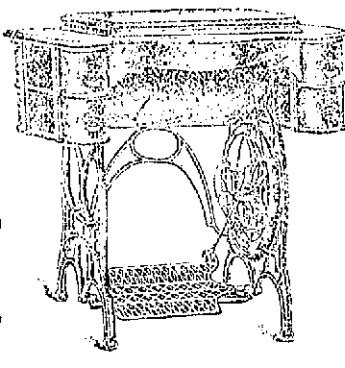
Happy New Year

That is what we wish for our many customers who have assisted in making our business such a success during the past year. It has been the best year we have enjoyed since we started in business and we consider that it has proven mutually beneficial to both our customers and ourselves. If square dealing with the best goods at the lowest prices will keep you with us, we may expect your patronage for years to come, as those are the methods we expect to pursue in the future as we have done in the past.



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West Side, Grand Rapids, Wis.

AN OLD SETTLER GONE.

Runtie Sampson Dies at Mendota After Long Illness.

Mrs. Jane Sampson, wife of the late A. B. Sampson, died at Mendota on Sunday after a sickness extending over several months. She was in her 85 year, and had lived in Wood county since 1836, when she came here from Green Bay with her husband. There is no question but that Mrs. Sampson was the oldest resident of Wood county and could the present generation look backward and see the country as it existed in the days when she came here it is probable that they would be strongly impressed with the mighty changes that have taken place in those sixty-five years. From a trackless wilderness to a country composed of one vast aggregation of cities, towns and cultivated fields, is what has taken place in those years, and could the experiences of such a pioneer be put into print the volume would undoubtedly be a large one and as interesting as anything imaginable. Mrs. Sampson leaves a son, H. A. Sampson of this city, to mourn her loss, her husband having died in 1890. The funeral occurred on Wednesday, Rev. W. A. Peterson of the Methodist church, conducting the services.

Officers Elected.

The Royal Neighbors held their election of officers on Tuesday, December 17th, with the following result:

Orator—Mrs. H. C. Timm.
Vice Orator—Mrs. Lamberton.
Past Orator—Mrs. A. D. Hill.
Chancellor—Mrs. Fred Bossert.
Recorder—Mrs. Geo. Huntington.
Receiver—Mrs. John Alpine.
Marshal—Mrs. W. G. Scott.
A. Marshall—Mrs. Fryatt.
O. S.—Mrs. Will Dustin.
Physician—Dr. F. Pomainville.
Characters—Mrs. O'Dell.
Courage—Mrs. H. Robinson.
Modesty—Mrs. Ebert.
Unselfishness—Mrs. J. Canning.
Endurance—Mrs. F. Wagner.

Wood County Post.

The following officers were elected for Wood County Post, G. A. R. for the ensuing year, installation to take place on January 8th:

Commander—M. S. Pratt.
S. V. C.—D. C. Bailey.
J. V. C.—B. F. Haskins.
Q. M.—D. Kammerman.
Surgeon—T. F. Burr.
Chaplain—T. J. Cooper.
O. D.—J. B. Grignon.
O. G.—H. Lombard.
Trustee 1 year—W. H. Brown.

Musons.

Worshipful Master—D. A. Teifer.
Senior Warden—E. C. Rossier.
Junior Warden—A. J. Hasbrouck.
Treasurer—R. Farrish.
Secretary—T. A. Taylor.
Trustee, 3 years—O. T. Houglen.
Notice of installation will be given later.

Odd Fellows.

Noble Grand—G. R. Schuman.
Vice Grand—L. E. Douaven.
Treasurer—Joseph Cohen.
Permanent Sec.—G. W. Davis.
Recording Sec.—H. Rablin.
Trustee three years—G. N. Minnehan.

Catholic Order Foresters.

Chief Ranger—Dr. F. Pomainville.
Vice Chief Ranger—Peter Love.
Recording Secretary—John Schnabel, jr.

Financial Secretary—F. L. Steib.
Treasurer—N. Reiland.
Installation occurs at the first regular meeting in January.

Catholic Knights of Wisconsin.

The Catholic Knights of Wisconsin have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Peter McCamley.
Vice President—N. Reiland.
Recording Secretary—Frank Stahl.
Financial Secretary—John A. Steib.
Treasurer—D. Lutz, jr.
Trustee 3 years—Lucien Berard.

Knight of Pythias.

C. C.—A. M. Palmer.
V. C.—H. McCann.
E.—Chas. Podawiltz.
K. of R. and S.—D. B. Philico.
Master at Arms—Will Gardner.
Inner Guard—Will Kellogg.
Outer Guard—A. M. Muir.

Independent Order of Foresters.

Chief Ranger—A. L. Ridgman.
Vice Chief—J. H. Landry.
F. S.—Ben Hansen.
F. S.—F. Bossert.
Treas.—V. X. Landry.
S. W.—Adam Bossert.
J. W.—Will Gross.
J. B.—J. R. Chapman.
Chapman—C. Searles.
Physician—A. L. Ridgman.
Court Deputy—Chas. Podawiltz.

New Postmaster.

Friday morning's Sentinel contained the news that R. A. McDonald had been appointed postmaster of the Centralia postoffice, or that he had been nominated by the president, which means that his appointment will be forthcoming in a short time.

The change in postmasters was not unexpected, as Mr. Cochran's term expires on the 12th of January, but many had supposed that the two offices would be consolidated when the change was made. This does not seem to be the intention, however, and it is probable that the majority of the voters prefer to have a post-office maintained on the west side.

Of the retiring postmaster, Mr. Cochran, we wish to say that he has given the people a first class service on the west side, one that any postmaster would do well to imitate as far as possible.

Remember that watch you promised for a Christmas present? W. G. Scott has a full selection.

A Bad Accident.

Albert Saeger, son of Herman Saeger of Hansen, shot himself on Wednesday morning, and although the accident will not prove fatal, the young man will be disfigured for life. The right side of his face is entirely torn away, including the right eye and part of the cheek bone, the weapon being a shot gun in his own hands. The young man had noticed some wolf tracks near the house and taking his shot gun went out to see if he could get a shot at the animals, climbing to a log he stood up and stood his gun alongside of him, when almost immediately it exploded. He could give no reason for the accident, as he is sure he did not strike the hammers of the weapon.

Dr. Ridgman was called to the scene of the accident and dressed the young man's wounds, and no serious results are looked for. While the accident is a most unfortunate one, Albert is lucky that his gun did not point an inch further to the left, as his head would have been blown to pieces. Albert worked in this city the greater part of the fall and only accompanied his father home the day before the accident.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

Preparing to Give the Little Ones a Good Time.

All Sunday school superintendents in the city report a largely increased attendance of late, owing no doubt to the cold weather and a combination of circumstances which usually exist about this time of year.

All of the churches are preparing some sort of an entertainment for the little ones in the shape of a program and Christmas tree, and no doubt the little ones will be on hand, that their elders be not disappointed.

Methodist Church.

Merry Christmas will be fittingly observed by the M. E. church and Sabbath school on Christmas eve. The exercises will commence at 7:30 o'clock and a program has been arranged for the occasion. Santa Claus has signified his intention of being present and there will be a Christmas tree loaded with the good things especially for the young folks. Nothing will be left undone to make it a roving old-time Christmas, one that the children will remember with pleasure.

Congregational Church.

At this church the Sabbath school scholars have also arranged a program for Christmas eve which will be followed by the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, and the candy accompaniment usual on such occasions. The service here also commences early so that the children may reach their home before the late hour.

First Moravian Church.

The Sabbath school scholars have prepared an extensive program for Tuesday evening which will consist of carols, songs, choir music and readings. The program will be rendered in German. There will also be a Christmas tree.

A Musical Program.

Miss Catherine Rood, who has been teaching a class on the piano in this city during the past three months, completed her term on Wednesday and that evening a musicale was given at the Congregational church by her pupils, assisted by Mrs. Ethel Kerwan-Rood of Stevens Point, Irma Schuhof of Abbotsford and Faye Jackson of Fond du Lac.

The program was replete with the best works from the old as well as the new masters, and all was rendered in a manner that reflected great credit on Miss Rood. The difficult numbers in the second part rendered by Mrs. Geo. W. Paulus were especially adapted to show not only strong interpretation, but the ability of the executant technically, and was certainly a musical treat to those who heard it. Following is the program rendered:

Introduction and Valse Lente	Helen Steib	Stevking
Berence	Grand Shaw	McFarren
Sweet Repose, Op. 42	John A. Steib	J. New
Hungarian Battle Song	Rosie Wiperman	Reinhold
The Secret	Irma Schuhof	Martinez de F.
Song of the Siren	Ellen Dance, Op. 32, No. 5	Heller
Elfin Dance, Op. 32, No. 5	Ruby St. Amour	Jensen
Romanza, Op. 44, No. 1	Rubenstein	Chopin
Pas de Amphores, No. 2	Royal Nash	Chaminade
Invitation, Op. 44, No. 1	Faye Jackson	Chaminade
The Brook, descriptive	Op. 44, No. 4	Reinhold
The Eagle, descriptive	Op. 29, No. 4	MacLurell
Impromptu, Op. 29, No. 4	Mrs. G. W. Paulus	Schubert
Thou Art Mine All	Mrs. Ethel Kirwan-Rood	Bradsy
Nachtstuecke (nocturne) No. 1	Mrs. G. W. Paulus	Schumann
Polonaise, Op. 26, No. 1	Mrs. G. W. Paulus	Chopin
Hungarian Dance, No. 6 (duet)	Mrs. G. W. Paulus, Miss Rood	Brahms

Miss Rood expects to instruct another class in this city after the holidays, as all who have been under her are enthusiastic in her praise.

Mrs. Chris. Keogh.

Mrs. Chris. Keogh, one of the older settlers of Saratoga, died on Sunday after an illness of short duration. She was 72 years of age and is survived by a husband and three children.

The funeral occurred from the SS Peter and Paul Catholic church in this city on Wednesday, Rev. F. Van Roosmalen officiating.

Rockers

For young or old, large or small, black or white, at prices that will fit any size pocketbook. Remember a picture goes with every sale at GEO. W. BAKER'S, furniture store, East Side.

A PLACE TO FARM.

Wood County is the Profitable Agricultural District.

Marshfield Times: The fact that Wood county is the best place in the state for a farmer who is anxious to become independent, is becoming more thoroughly apparent as the numerous settlers who have come in during the past few years reap the rewards of their good judgment in the choice of location. Hundreds of men who came here with a small capital several years ago are on the road to wealth, and cases of remarkable profit from a small investment are common. Vincent Wartner, a young man who formerly lived at Lodi where he worked at odd jobs among the neighboring farmers, was in the city last week, and his experience shows what an industrious man can accomplish aided by the unequalled soil of this section.

In the summer of 1899 Mr. Wartner purchased eighty acres of wild land, not a rod ready for the plow, of Welton & Reynolds of this city, the land lying in the towns of Wood and Seneca. He put in the summer building himself a small house and did not get down to clearing until late in the fall when he purchased a team and went to work. By his own unaided efforts he has cleared up twenty acres which is now under cultivation, and last year he raised 300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of potatoes, 33 bushels of wheat, 6 tons of hay, 125 bushels of carrots, 45 bushels of turnips, and 25 bushels of rutabagas. During the present season he has taken off his land 300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of potatoes, 14 tons of hay, 50 bushels of carrots, 25 bushels of beets, 30 bushels of turnips, 20 bushels of good wheat, 20 bushels of buckwheat, 18 bushels of oats and one-fourth of an acre of strawberries.

Mr. Wartner now has a first-class draft team, new harness and wagon, eleven head of cattle and will soon build a large new barn on his premises with the neat sum he has saved up in addition to a good living. At the present time his little farm is worth at least \$2,500 and he is sure of a comfortable living as long as he lives, while a few more years of well directed work will make him independently rich. This is but one of the many similar instances that go to prove the advantages of this county as a home for ambitious farmers.

The "Columbia" Debates.

The "Columbia" held a very interesting meeting at the west side High school Friday evening, Dec. 13. The debate was on the question, Resolved: That Switzerland has a better form of government than the United States. The affirmative was supported by Anna Johnson and Walter Weber and the negative by Amelia Schroedel and George Peltier. The jurors decided in favor of the affirmative. The remainder of the program consisted of an essay by Frank Natwick, a recitation by Minnie White, Lily Jorgenson and Cordelia Richards, a recitation by Lizzie Witte, an essay by Virginia Viengie and a chorus by the club.

After the program, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President—Gerald Fritzinger.
Vice Pres.—Beniah Chandos.
Secretary—Selmar chose.
Treasurer—Grace McCarthy.
Librarian—Amanda Lambert.
Censor—Clyde Herrick.
Program committee—Orra Nissen, Kate Kellogg.

It was decided to hold a special public meeting some time in January and a committee was appointed to arrange a program.

Looking for Blood.

The Marshfield bowling team would like a game with a Grand Rapids team. On the authority of John Seibert, captain of the team there, the Tribune announces that they will play their team of five men against any five men in this city for from \$25 to \$50 a side. They offer to play either best two out of three or one game for the money.

East Side.

Following is the list of unclaimed letters in the east side postoffice, for the week ending Dec. 19, 1901:

Agdelott, W. F.	Wahn, Theodore
Buehels, G.	Maynard & Reed
Bone, Will	Schlicht, Mrs. H.
Cromer, Chas. H.	Simpson, O.
Hirsch, J.	Wilson, Geo.
Hasteder, Chas.	Borgia, Miss Idele
Haskins, Jerome	

Persons calling for the above please say "advertised."

A. L. FONTAINE, Postmaster.

Lydia A. Babcock.

Mrs. Lydia A. Babcock died on Thursday morning after a lengthy illness at the home of her sister, Miss A. M. Gordon, at the age of 84 years. The deceased, on account of her advanced years, had been quite feeble for some time and was taken care of by her sister.

The funeral occurred on Friday from the home of Miss Gordon, Rev. B. J. H. Shaw conducting the services.

Lyon's Mill.

Lyon's mill will start up about the first of January, and the proprietor will buy all kinds of logs, both pine and hardwood. Custom sawing will be made a specialty.

Theron Lyon.

Have your watch repairing done at Scott's. Watch inspector for the Chicago & Northwestern railway company.

A new and beautiful assortment of Burnt Leather Goods just arrived at Johnson & Hill Co.'s Drug Dept.

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Office over Bank of Grand Rapids, West Side.

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FOR SALE—100 acre farm, 40 acres cleared, good house and barn, team, stock and farm machinery situated town of Ft. Edwards, one mile from city limits.

FOR SALE—100 acre farm six miles east of city, good house, small barn, cheap.

FOR SALE—80 acre farm, fine house and barn, town of Hansen, 10 miles from city, excellent location. Can be secured at a bargain.

FOR SALE—Two lots with fine 10 room house, good barn and woodshed, situated in desirable residence part of the city, east side.

FOR SALE—One lot with fine house, modern improvements, good location close to business part of city, west side.

FOR SALE—One lot with fine modern residence, good barn, French St., close to business part of city.

FOR SALE—Two good farms, town of Ardenia, Juneau county, 120 and 200 acres respectively. Prices and terms very reasonable. Prices, terms and full particulars furnished at my office.

C. S. WHITTLESEY,
GRAND RAPIDS, WISCONSIN.

Candy!

If you want pure home-made Candies go to the White Front Candy Kitchen. Also leave an order for plain or fancy Ice Cream. It will receive our prompt attention.

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Candy Kitchen,
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All business intrusted to my care will have prompt and careful attention. A qualified lady assistant. Special attention given to night calls.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

To our many friends and patrons we beg to announce that on and after January 1st, 1902, we will do a strictly cash business. No discounts and only one price to all will be our motto.

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SIGEL.

A basket sociable was given at the Lindahl home last Saturday night. On account of the extremely cold weather the crowd was small, but such was the liberality of those present that \$30.50 was collected; and as the expenses were small, what was collected was mostly net profit. The money went into the treasury of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Joe Cepress left Grand Rapids to help his father on the farm, but he is not going to stay at home very long as it is too lonesome for him. He is going to Ashland on a week's visit to an older brother of his.

Peter Brostowitz, a son of Bill Brostowitz, has been quite sick of late and we are glad to learn that he is recovering.

A two weeks' vacation is now at hand for the children in Dist. No. 1.

We all know that it was very cold last Friday night, but it seems incredible that steam could have frozen in a pipe of an engine as has been reported.

Says He was Tortured.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Rocinson, Hillsborough, Ill. "but Bucklin's Arnica salve completely cured them. Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by Johnson & Hill Co. and John E. Daly. 25c.

REDOLPH.

Lonis Lyonnais has changed his intention about moving in the Rapids and has bought the farm of Herbert St. Dennis. Mr. Lyonnais thought that old Rudolph was the best place after all.

Peter Keyzer has made some improvements in his saloon by putting up a new pool table, for Mr. Keyzer knows that the boys do not enjoy the full benefit of a saloon without a pool table.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coulthart left here Wednesday morning for Leamoor, where they will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kezin.

It is reported that several of Rudolph's fair maidens have advertised for husbands. It is that the case Rudolph's young men must be rather slow.

Pat Rayome departed the first of the week for Mosinee with his father's team where he intends to work in the woods.

The I. O. G. T. lodge entertainment given the 12th was a successful event. And a general good time was had by all.

The box social given John Lindahl Saturday evening was a grand success, financially as well as socially.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinfeld of De Pere are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Keyzer at present.

Harm Lawrence made a business trip to Mosinee Monday.

O. Roosen was in Grand Rapids on business Wednesday.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25 cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. JOHNSON & HILL CO. JOHN E. DALY.

ARPIN.

Mr. and Mrs. James and son Ray of Merrill were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Menier of Arpin, after spending a week. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Menier attended them as far as Nekoosa, where they spent several days visiting friends and relatives after which they departed for Merrill.

BABCOCK.

On Wednesday D. F. Smith of Sparta and Richard Clow of Babcock made a business trip to Armenia, Miner and vicinity. They reported that the weather seemed rather chilly.

D. F. Smith of Milwaukee, who has traveled for the McCormick Co. for the greater part of the time since 1868, was a business visitor here on Friday and Saturday.

M. F. Gilman of Armenia, who is a traveling salesman for the Deering Implement Co., was here on Friday.

Tom Mullica, traveling salesman for Joannes Bros. of Green Bay, transacted business here on Tuesday.

Chas. Miller made a business trip to Grand Rapids Friday. He went up on No. 5 and returned on No. 2.

T. C. St. Amour was in Babcock Friday and Saturday, looking after his candy interests here.

Mrs. Wm. Sullivan and Mrs. Fred Wright made a short shopping trip to Tomah on Monday.

Principal C. W. Jenkins visited over Sunday with friends and relatives in Necedah.

Dr. Simonson of Tomah registered at the Woodland on Wednesday.

The Lyceum held a very enjoyable meeting on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Oldfield was shopping in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Dennis Kennedy was a visitor in Necedah on Saturday.

Brain Food Nonsense.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at Johnson & Hill Co. Get Green's special almanac.

—Our cut glass sparkles like a myriad little suns, and the prices will surprise you. The designs are all new and by the best makers. A. P. Hirzy.

PORT EDWARDS.

Landlord E. F. Deyo gave a farewell dance and oyster supper at his hotel on Saturday night. There was a fair attendance in spite of the cold weather and all report a good time.

The C. & N. W. pile driving crew are at work on the bridge for the unloading track across the mill pond. The track laying crew is about a mile from this village.

H. L. Vachreau took a trip up the line on Wednesday to attend the wedding of a friend at Mosinee. A Warner of Merrill relieved him here.

Misses Celia Burr and Anna Granger will have a Christmas tree for their pupils at the Chapel on Tuesday evening. A program has also been arranged for the occasion.

Miss Ida Halverson and Clara Compton of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

C. A. Jaspersen spent Sunday at Grand Rapids the guest of C. S. Whitteley.

Miss Jennie Thorsen of Chicago arrived here on Sunday and expects to spend a few weeks visiting with relatives.

S. Cleveland was a Grand Rapids visitor on Monday.

Mrs. B. F. Allen spent Thursday in Grand Rapids.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Verbunker on Sunday.

Want Cheap Phones.

Two new telephone companies are trying to secure franchises in the city of Milwaukee and the indications are that one of them will secure it, unless of course, the monopoly that now holds the telephone business in its grasp, can bring enough pressure to bear to prevent the granting of a franchise.

In speaking of the matter of cheap telephone service and independent companies, the Milwaukee Free Press says:

"To give an illustration of the way in which these companies have grown, take the counties of Rock, Green, Walworth and Jefferson. Two and a half years ago there was not a single independent telephone in use within their borders; in those counties there are now 4,000 of them. With this in mind it is not so surprising to learn that there are over 20,000 independent telephone subscribers in the state, and 5000 miles of farmers' lines and toll lines connecting various cities, villages and towns. A map of these lines shows a veritable net-work over most of the state south of Marshfield, Hudson and Green Bay, there are lines running as far north as Tomahawk. The counties of Sheboygan, Manitowish, Rock, Green, Dane, Walworth, Columbia, Marquette, Iowa, Sauk, Richland, Grant, Crawford, Vernon, La Crosse, Monroe, Juneau, Pierce, Wood and Waupaca are especially spider-webbed with lines, while Waukesha, Racine and Kenosha counties show, as yet, an almost unoccupied field. It may be said in passing, that although this great number of telephone companies are separate organizations, and each manages its own local affairs, their lines are connected and they have formed an association called the Wisconsin Independent Telephone association, with headquarters at Madison, for the purpose of acting together upon matters concerning their policy and general welfare, and they thus form a united body. The next annual meeting of this association will be held in Milwaukee in February and the public will hear more about it.

About Time.

As this is about the time of year when people of honest inclinations are making efforts to "square accounts" before the end of the year and to commence the new year with a clean page and a clear conscience, the following, clipped from an exchange is very apt at this time, and worthy of being reprinted: "No wonder that time is represented as haggard and worn out. A watch keeps time, the chorister beats time, the clock strikes time, all trains run on time, horses run against time, people threaten to do things on time, if they can get time, criminals serve time, the prisoner does time, at a prize fight they call time, everybody tries to kill time, perhaps your subscription is behind time, if you pay up on time we could have a time." A word to the wise is sufficient; pay what you owe—the printer on time.—Tomah Journal.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were granted during the past week:

Richard Buss of the town of Grand Rapids to Ida Hessler town of Hansen. Edw. W. Rose to Mattie Miller, both of Dexterville.

—If your dealings with J. R. Chapman have been satisfactory, call and see him this year for Xmas presents. We want to do business on our merits.

—If you will make a few inquiries about where to take your watch for repairs you will surely take it to J. R. Chapman, the expert watch maker.

—WANTED—A canvasser to canvass for the cook book edited by St. Katherine's guild. Good opportunity for some energetic person. Apply to Rev. L. Kroll.

Business Locals.

—Dr. J. J. Looze Grand Rapids, office over Wood County Drug store, telephone No. 62. Residence telephone No. 246.

—Dr. A. L. Ridgman, Centralia, Office over Centralia Drug Store. Telephone No. 92. Telephone at residence, No. 23.

—F. Pomainville, M. D. Office in rear of Steib's drug store. Telephone at office, No. 35; residence, Centralia, No. 248.

—Dr. D. Waters, physician and surgeon. Office over Church's drug store, telephone 182. Night calls at Dixon House, telephone 55.

—Dr. Chas. Pomainville, Dentist. Office over J. A. Cohen's store, Grand Rapids, Wis. Telephone 216.

—For fine dental work, go to Dr. D. A. Teller, office over Wood County National Bank, Grand Rapids.

—Dr. F. D. Humphrey, homeopathic physician and surgeon, office over "White Front." Special attention given to women and children and all chronic diseases.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

State of Wisconsin—Wood County—In County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Dora King, deceased.

On application of Theodore Lipke, Administrator with will annexed of the Estate of Dora King, deceased, for the adjustment and allowance of his administration account, and for his discharge as such administrator.

It is ordered, that said account be examined, adjusted and allowed, at a special term of said court, to be held in the court house, in the city of Grand Rapids, said county of Wood, on the 11th Tuesday of December, to wit, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

And it is further ordered, that notice of the time and place of the examination and allowance of said account, be given to all persons interested, by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks before said day, in the Grand Rapids Tribune, a weekly newspaper published at the city of Grand Rapids, in said Wood County.

Dated November 16th, A. D. 1911.

By the Court, JOHN A. GAYSON, County Judge.

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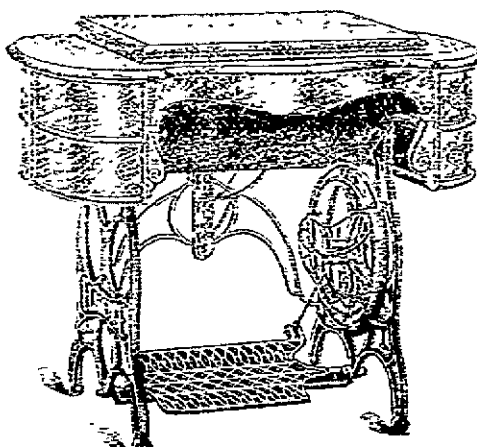
A. P. HIRZY.

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Happy New Year.

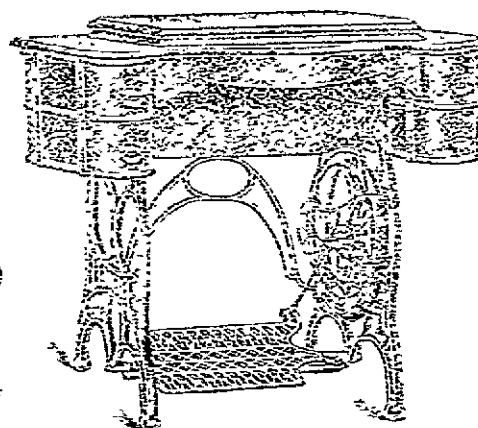
That is what we wish for our many customers who have assisted in making our business such a success during the past year. It has been the best year we have enjoyed since we started in business and we consider that it has proven mutually beneficial to both our customers and ourselves. If square dealing with the best goods at the lowest prices will keep you with us, we may expect your patronage for years to come, as those are the methods we expect to pursue in the future as we have done in the past.



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TRAGEDY AT PITTSBURG.

Burglar Detected in Entering
House Commits Murder and
Makes His Escape.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Harriet P. Murphy, prominent in church and society circles and treasurer of the Kingsley house fund, was murdered at her home 6221 Howe street east end, by a burglar about 3 o'clock this morning. The murder made his escape and although the whole detective and police force of that section was called he has not been captured.

Miss Murphy was the only sister of Select Comdr. John A. Murphy from the Twentieth ward and was 40 years old. She was married and had two sons, a son and a daughter, both of whom were living alone in the house.

Miss Murphy, who slept on the second floor, was an expert with the revolver having practiced for the purpose of protecting herself in the event of just such an attack as happened this morning and she always had a pistol within easy reach.

About 3 o'clock this morning her brother was awakened by two shots in the house and hastening to his sister's room found her lying dead on the floor with a bullet wound in the head. The door was open and the burglar had entered the room of Miss Murphy by breaking the glass. It is supposed that the noise of the crashing glass awakened her and that as she jumped from the bed with her revolver in her hand the burglar fired. Marks in the snow on the porch indicate that only one man entered the room. Miss Murphy usually kept the collections for the Kingsley house fund in her room until ready and it is thought the burglar was after this money.

YANKEE LOCOMOTIVES.

Americans Secure Number of Contracts from Japan, Australia and South Africa.

New York, Dec. 17.—A number of important contracts for locomotives to be used by various foreign governments and private railroads have been placed in the United States within the last few days. Thirty locomotives, intended for the Japanese government railways, will be built at Schenectady. The American Locomotive company is also building twelve locomotives for the Japanese government, the big government roads operated in the Japanese empire. This makes the sixth order—seventy-two engines in all—that the American Locomotive company has secured from that road within the last two years. The Hokkaido railway, controlled by the Japanese government, also has ordered six American-built engines. The Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia will build eighteen locomotives for the West Australian government railways and thirty-six American locomotives for the New South Wales government railways. The L. K. Porter company of Pittsburgh has secured four locomotives for use in the coal mines near Johannesburg, South Africa.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Scarcely a Building in New Zealand
Town Left Standing—Chimneys
Fall Like Toy Houses.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—New Zealand news received by steamer gives details of great destruction of property in the Chivor district by an earthquake on November 18. In the town of Chivor and the surrounding country scarcely a building was left standing. The fine home of Sir George Clifford was wrecked. Great fissures opened in the earth and water issued from them.

In one of the houses a man was thrown across the room and brick chimneys fell like toy houses. The people are panic-stricken as the shocks still continue. At Waihan river, great cracks opened in the river bed and when they closed volumes of water were sent hundreds of feet into the air.

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS.

One that will consider the interests of the Government.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—Eli Torrance, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., today announced the following as the committee on pensions: Col. Robert Beahm, Philadelphia; Col. John C. Black, Chicago; Gen. James R. Canahan, Indianapolis; Judge Charles G. Barton, Nevada; Mr. ex-Gov. W. H. Upham, Marshall, Wis.; Henry E. Tabor, Hartford, Conn.; John C. Linehan, Penacook, N. H.

In view of the pension office controversy this committee is most important. It is understood that the commander's desire is that the committee be made up of one that would consider the interests of the government equally with those of the veterans.

LOW TAKES MAYOR'S OATH.

New York's Future Executive Deviates from Time-Worn Custom.

New York, Dec. 17.—Seth Low, to the great surprise of politicians of all parties was sworn in yesterday afternoon as mayor of New York. The oath was administered by Justice Morgan J. O'Brien of the appellate division of the supreme court in his private chamber in the court building.

In taking the oath of office two weeks before the time he will take his seat at the city hall Mayor-elect Low has deviated from the usual custom, which is to be sworn in on January 1. It was his intention to make public nearly all the cabinet yesterday, but circumstances have arisen which have caused one or two changes in the slate.

ROCKEFELLER IN BAD HEALTH.

Oil Magnate's Appearance Startles His Friends in Tarrytown.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 17.—John D. Rockefeller is so changed in appearance that his friends scarcely recognize him. Since Mr. Rockefeller made the trip to Cleveland last summer his health has suffered greatly. He had his mustache shaved off while away, and now the hair on his head is falling out so that he is nearly bald. He is able to attend to business, though he looks very weak.

Protestantism in Russia.

There are some 6,000,000 Protestants in Russia who enjoy religious liberty with the stipulation that they must be sworn in as Protestants and must not proselyte. Preaching in nine languages is heard every Sunday in St. Petersburg in the Protestant churches.

Iron experts are over-running the province of British Columbia, in search of iron mines, promising to pay the most extravagant prices for anything that touches the Bessemer limit.

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY
IN THE CASE OF REAR ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

MAJORITY REPORT.—JUDGMENT OF REAR ADMIRALS BENHAM AND RAMSAY.

The majority judgment of the court of inquiry in the case of Rear-Admiral Schley comprises the opinions of Rear-Admirals Benham and Ramsay. Admiral Dewey, the president of the court, signs the report, but takes exceptions to many material features, and these are contained in a personal minority report. The majority report follows:

Commodore Schley, in command of the flying squadron, should have proceeded with utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos, and should have maintained a close blockade of that port. He should have endeavored, on May 23, at Cienfuegos, to obtain information regarding the Spanish squadron by communicating with the Spanish fleet, the place designated in the memorandum delivered to him on May 23. He should have proceeded from Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba with all dispatch, and should have disposed his vessels with a view of intercepting the enemy in any attempt to pass the flying squadron.

He should not have delayed the squadron for the Eagle. He should not have made the retrograde turn westward with his squadron. He should have promptly obeyed the navy department's order of May 23. He should have endeavored to capture the Spanish vessels at anchor near the entrance of Santiago harbor on May 29 and 30.

He did not do his utmost with the force under his command to capture or destroy the Cuban and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 23. By committing the engagement on July 2 with the port battery and turning the Brooklyn around with port helm, Commodore Schley caused it to lose distance and position with the Spanish vessels, especially with the Vizcaya and Colon.

The turn of the Brooklyn to starboard was made to avoid getting it into dangerous proximity to the Spanish vessels. The turn was made toward the Texas, and caused that vessel to stop and back its engines to avoid possible collision. Admiral Schley did injustice to Lieut. Commander A. C. Hodgson in publishing only a portion of the correspondence between them.

Commodore Schley's conduct in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign prior to June 1, 1898, was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise.

His official reports regarding the coal supply and the coaling facilities of the flying squadron were inaccurate and misleading. His conduct during the battle of July 3 was self-possessed, and he encouraged, in his own subordinate officers and men, to fight courageously.

GEORGE DEWEY, Admiral U. S. N., President.
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MINORITY REPORT.—JUDGMENT OF ADMIRAL DEWEY, PRESIDENT OF THE COURT.

Admiral Dewey's minority report is as follows:

In the opinion of the undersigned, the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch. Commodore Schley having in view the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers.

The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.

Commodore Schley, in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos, expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from it when it came out.

The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible while keeping the squadron a unit.

The blockade of Santiago was effective.

Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron off Santiago when the Spanish fleet made its escape on the morning of July 3, 1898. He was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

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RECOMMENDATION.—"LET NO FURTHER PROCEEDINGS BE TAKEN."

In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the events of the Santiago campaign the court recommends no further proceedings be had in the case.

GEORGE DEWEY, Admiral U. S. N., President.
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HE LOST HIS COMMISSION.

Officer Punished for Deserting His
Bride at Altar.

REFUSED TO SAY WHY.

After Hearing the Mother's Story the
President Declined to Give the
Captain His Commission.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—For "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" Capt. William P. Crawford of the United States volunteers has been refused by President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Root his commission as a lieutenant in the regular army, to which his military superiors warmly recommended him.

This case is unique in the military history of the country.

Because he broke faith with the woman he had promised to marry the path to military distinction—to an honorable career in the service of his country upon which he had so promisingly entered—was closed to him. Crawford, says the secretary of war, played an unworthy part toward the woman that loved him. Therefore, he is unworthy to wear an officer's uniform.

If you have never known that President and cabinet officers gave up weeks to the consideration of the case of a would-be lieutenant, study the following curious and instructive history of Capt. Crawford, who, because he would not wed Miss Rebecca Douglass when he might, could not become a lieutenant when he would.

But in spite of the publicity the affair has attracted, the reason for the captain's strange action is not even suspected.

His First Love Affair.

It is told in South Carolina that Crawford's military career began as it ended, to a love affair. Some years ago, he said, the young man was engaged to a beautiful girl. She liked him and married another man.

Embittered by this experience Crawford tried to divert his mind by assuming the editorship of a local paper. He shortly tired of this, however, and decided to enter the army. It was arranged that he should go to Cuba.

He was utterly desperate. He told his friends that Cuba might bring him death or it might bring him distinction—he cared nothing. And he buckled on his sword with a fine air of indifference.

Capt. Crawford, however, was not so sure. But it gave him a taste for war. He turned with the determination to go to the Philippines.

The day before he left for the East, however, he met for the first time the woman who was to have so strange an influence in the ending of his fate. This was Miss Rebecca Douglass, a charming and cultivated young woman, in whose presence Crawford forgot the disasters that had previously befallen his heart and felt precipitately in love.

"I feel as if I had known you always," he said to Miss Douglass with a deep sigh.

She smiled encouragingly.

"Indeed," protested the impetuous lover, "if I had known you years I could not love you more. Will you marry me? Will you wait for me?"

Now Crawford, as even Secretary Root will tell you, has the most winning face. The captain's manner in the world, and Miss Douglass promised.

The next day he was off for the Philippines with Rebecca Douglass, picture next his heart.

As for Miss Douglass, she took up her profession of trained nurse with a light-heartedness she had never known before. Crawford fought bravely in the Philippines.

Crawford was a Good Soldier.

"It is the thought of your love, your pride in me, that has helped me," he wrote to his fiancée. "Nor did his brave deeds pass unnoticed."

"That boy will make a soldier," said his superiors. "Some day he'll be heard from."

And indeed, when Capt. Crawford came back to the United States he bore as many honors as a man in his position could have won. A woman that he saw fame shining ahead.

It was at Raleigh, N. C., that the young man found his betrothed still engaged in nursing.

"I cannot have you give up your time to the care of other people now," he said. "I shall need you to give up your work, come back to Chester, and as soon as get my commission we will be married."

They had not to wait long. The appointment was soon made and accordingly the wedding day set.

The bridegroom never came.

Miss Douglass prepared an elaborate breakfast table. But when the day came, no bride appeared. Capt. Crawford two days before sent a letter to the mother of the bride. Just what is in that letter only the captain, the mother, possibly Miss Douglass, and recently the secretary of war and the President, know. On the contents of that letter, however, Crawford's fate has been decided.

Immediately upon the mortifying breaking off of the marriage Miss Douglass left Chester and has since remained in seclusion. She has talked but little and will say nothing for publication.

It was, therefore, not with her consent that her friends made the affair public by carrying it to the war department and demanding that Crawford's commission be withheld.

Pending investigation their wishes were complied with. Then these friends secured the aid of influential congressmen.

Crawford declined to make an explanation to the adjutant general beyond saying that he did not love the young lady and could not marry her.

On the eve of his own marriage Gen. Corbin ruled against Crawford, saying that he had learned from that class of "gentlemen in which holders of commissions must belong."

In the absence of Gen. Corbin, Crawford had a personal interview with Secretary of War Root, and so impressed that official by his manner and appearance, that the secretary consented to give him another hearing.

"It is true that I was engaged to Miss Douglass," Crawford confessed. "It is true that I refused to marry her. But I had good reasons."

"I must decline to do so," said the captain respectfully, but was not heedful of because a cold snap usually takes all the danger out of a flood. It failed to do so yesterday and as a result the freshest will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars that might have been saved.

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KNOX IS CONFIRMED.

Senate Acts Favorably on Nomination of Attorney General.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Just before adjournment last night the Senate confirmed the nomination of Philander C. Nease as attorney-general of the United States. The confirmation was made by Senators Jones and Turner, who dwelt on the charge that the attorney-general, previous to entering upon the duties of that office, had been attorney for the United States Steel Corporation and the armor plate manufacturers.

In reply to these charges it was argued that his position as counsel for these interests could not be used legitimately against him. So long as he had conducted himself with propriety his relationship as an attorney should not be used to his injury as an official.

The Senate on a motion to reconsider was divided 43 to 37 in favor of confirmation without the necessity of a roll call immediately followed.

MANY HONOR JOHN SWINTON.

Heat of Friends Show Grief Over
Death of Noted Journalist.

New York, Dec. 17.—Since the demise of John Swinton, the well-known journalist, there has been a constant stream of visitors at the family residence in Brooklyn anxious to view the remains and to express condolence to the relatives.

The deceased had a host of friends not only among the newspaper men, but also among labor organizations. He was a writer on labor topics for over thirty years. Letters and elegiacs have been received from friends in all parts of the country. The New York Press club is making preparations to render homage at the funeral, which will take place Wednesday.

VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD.

Capt. Voss and His Little Canoe Arrives Safely at Sydney.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—News comes from Australia that Capt. Voss and his little 40-foot canoe arrived at Sydney after a long and arduous voyage safely from British Columbia. At Fiji his mate, Luxton, concluded to go to Sydney by steamer, so Capt. Voss shipped a sailor named Louis Degotte, but the man was washed overboard five days out and Capt. Voss made the rest of the voyage and eventually got home to Sydney to Cerlon on his voyage around the world.

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ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

By
MRS. FORRESTER.

CHAPTER I.

Marie Antoinette de Montolieu was a true scion of the old French noblesse, with fine features and clear, pale complexion. There had been vivacity and brightness, too, in those brown eyes, but the luster was gone now, and there was left only the calm expression of resignation which follows a life of troubles nobly borne. She had lived sixty-four years in the world.

Her father and mother, the Marquis and Marquise de Montolieu, had been in high favor at the court of Louis the Sixteenth. They were proud, handsome aristocrats, and when the Revolution came with its fearful horrors, they were forced to fly for their lives. When they reached England they were penniless and compelled to earn their bread.

The marquis gave lessons in singing, and the marquise made a little money by selling her paintings. A kind-hearted nobleman, who had known them in former days, allowed them fifty pounds a year; and with this, and the fruit of their own exertions, they managed to exist. Three years later a daughter was born to them, whom they named Marie Antoinette, in affectionate and reverent memory of their martyred queen. From her earliest infancy she was deeply imbued with the sad spirit of the time; and the unvarying melancholy of her parents produced a strong effect upon her. She was naturally bright and vivacious, but the atmosphere of constant sadness was infectious.

When she was seventeen years old her beloved father died, and from that time all her energies were strained to provide for her heart-broken and widowed mother. Five years later the marquise died also, and Marie was thrown on the world, literally penniless and friendless. Then all at once the nobleman who had befriended her parents came forward and offered her a home in his house, in spite of the remonstrances of his wife, who was keenly alive to the imprudence of bringing a beautiful young girl under the same roof with her grown-up sons.

For a time Marie Antoinette was happy, and then came the most bitter trial of her life. She went out again as a governess, and traveled abroad. At the age of thirty-five she went into Sir Howard Champion's family, to educate his daughters, and remained with them twelve years. The elder daughter made a brilliant match, and the younger eloped with a gentleman farmer. There being thus no further occasion for her services, she was dismissed; but Sir Howard, being a liberal although arrogant, and despotic man, settled an annuity of a hundred pounds on her for life. On this, and the interest of what she had saved during her long years of teaching, she lived, and small as was her income, she gave away much. Here was a grand life of love, of charity and of self-sacrifice. Unsoured by her troubles, unimpaired by her loneliness, she was the true picture of a gentle, sympathizing and patient woman.

Sir Howard cursed his younger daughter solemnly on the Bible—from which he erased her name, and commanded that it might never be uttered in his presence again. The whole household were awestricken, and crept about silently and fearfully. Madame de Montolieu was heart-broken.

Winifred bitterly regretted her false step. She loved the world and the fashion, and so the comparatively humble life she now led was dull and worm-eaten to her. Her husband was fond of her, but he chafed under her constant fretful regrets; she quarreled with his family, refused to notice them, and made him bitter, contemptuous little speeches, which drove him in anger from her presence! The only link left to her between the present and the past was Madame de Montolieu, who came to live in a small cottage near her, and was with her constantly. But poor Winifred fretted night and day at her loss of caste, and became thin and ill; and when her little girl was born she died.

For some years little Winifred was brought up and taken care of by her father's sister; but when she was eight years old Miss Eyre married, and her father was somewhat perplexed what to do with her. Madame de Montolieu offered to educate her, and Mr. Eyre gladly accepted the offer.

She received a complete education from Madame de Montolieu, who loved her as a daughter, and had brought her up with tender care and watchfulness. She spoke French perfectly, was a good musician and sang as sweetly as a nightingale. Madame de Montolieu had devoted great time and care to perfecting her accomplishments, hoping that, when she grew up, Sir Howard might relent and give her an opportunity of entering into society, for which she was eminently fitted. But the baronet and his whole family sternly persisted in ignoring her, and it was a very bitter grief and humiliation to poor Winifred.

It seemed so cruelly unjust. Why should Flora Champion her cousin, and flattered, and received everywhere, while she, who longed so ardently for the same advantage, was compelled to live unnoticed in a farm house? Her father had given her a pretty little pony and carriage, in which she took great pleasure. She would have liked to ride as well, but her father could not afford, he said, to keep two horses for her, and had given her a chance of riding or driving; she preferred the former, but chose the latter, remembering that it was a pleasure which her dear madame could share.

Mr. Eyre was very fond of his daughter, and, moreover, exceedingly proud of her. He desired intensely for her the advantages of wealth and station, personally indifferent though he was to them. His greatest trouble, his most bitter mortification in life, was that her grandfather would not acknowledge her. For himself he did not care, he had no wish to rise from the position with which his forefathers had been contented. Once, at

freed found courage to answer, "but we have always been allowed to walk here, and—"

"I shall indeed be sorry if our rudeness and inhospitality should drive you away," laughed the stranger. "I beg you will always, both for yourself and friends, consider you are entitled to a free right of way over any and every part of my possessions."

Winifred thanked him and would have turned away, but he lingered; and there was such a charm to her in the presence of this refined, aristocratic looking man, that she felt no inclination to break rudely away from him.

"You are Mr. Hastings, then?" she said, interrogatively.

"Yes," he replied. "I have come back at last to enjoy the delights of home after my long absence."

"It must be very pleasant to see so much of the outer world," Winifred said timidly; "it must give one such broad views of things and people, and stamp out one's petty, intolerant thoughts and narrow prejudices."

Mr. Hastings was surprised by this last remark of his companion's, but he was far too well bred to allow his thoughts to appear. He remarked quietly:

"You seem to have considered these things more than young ladies are apt to do."

"I must be going," she uttered, hastily; "it is getting late."

He turned to accompany her, but she bowed with an air of decision, saying:

"My path leads away from Hazell Court."

"I hope," he said, lingering a moment, "that my presence to-night will not tend to frighten you away from these woods for the future. May I rely on your making use of them as usual?"

She thanked him again, and, bowing, turned away. He stood, hat in hand, before her as she might have done to a princess; and as she went on her way home, he gazed after her slight, graceful form with a look of tender admiration such as might have befitting a man who watched the woman he loved.

CHAPTER II.

In a very elegant drawing room, with French windows to the ground, leading on to a velvet sward gemmed with flowers, sat Mrs. Champion and her daughter. The mother was employed on an elaborate piece of woodwork, while Miss Champion half reclined upon her silken couch, reading. She looked up from it to answer her mother's interrogatory.

"Do you think Mr. Hastings will be here this afternoon, Flora?"

"I cannot tell, mamma; Reginald has gone over to the Court to lunch, and look at some new horses, and he said he should probably bring Mr. Hastings back to dinner."

"He is very handsome," remarked Mrs. Champion. "Indisputably the best match in the county."

"Except Evelyn Vane," remarked Flora.

"Evelyn Vane?" echoed her mother—"Evelyn Vane has nothing until his father dies; and even when he becomes Lord Lancing, his income will not be much more than half that of Mr. Hastings."

"But there is the title," said Miss Champion; "Lord Lancing cannot last much longer, and I would rather have a title, even if I were obliged to sacrifice half the income."

Which was not true, for Flora Champion was rather in love with Errol Hastings, and utterly indifferent to the Honorable Evelyn Vane. She and her mother were much attached to each other—at least as much as was possible for two such selfish and indifferent natures to be—and they were wont to indulge in mutual confidences. At this moment Reginald Champion, the only son and brother, entered the room.

"Have you just returned from the Court?" inquired his mother.

"Yes; Hastings left me at the door not five minutes ago."

"I thought he was going to dine here."

"I thought so, too; but I suppose he changed his mind, for when he arrived here, and I pressed him to come in, he declared he had a previous engagement."

It was all a lie, though, I could see; but I think I know what the counter attraction was."

"Indeed!" said Flora, disdainfully, "and may we inquire the result of your penetration?"

"It is nothing that will please you, Flo, I can tell you."

"Don't be provoking, Reginald!" uttered his mother, sharply; "tell us at once what you mean."

(To be continued.)

DINING IN HONOLULU.

Effective Decoration for the Table—Wreaths for Guests.

The hostess who was kind enough to ask me to dinner in Honolulu had chosen scarlet carnations for her table, and I never remember seeing anything more effective. A big silver bowl in the center was full of them, while a wreath of them went around the base of the stand and four more stretched from the handles of the bowl to the silver candelabra in each corner of the table. In addition to this, each hors d'oeuvre plate had the same scarlet wreath round it, which each lady untied and hung round her neck, where it lay like a soft, feathery boa. Some of the men even did the same, but these were Americans; the Englishmen, averse to self-decoration, presented theirs to the ladies they had taken down.

The wreaths have to be made in a particular way, and in the Hawaiian Islands the work of making up the leis (as they are called there) has become a trade among the natives, who sit at the corner of the street and sell their sweet wares to the foreigners who flock from far and near to see the paradise of the Pacific.

The garlands are threaded on a piece of bass with a fine cane needle, and the calyx of the carnation is entirely removed, so that the petals of the flower fall loosely and give the effect of the feathers. The needle is run straight through and comes out in the center, so that each flower on the thread is on the top of the other. Of course, the closer they are together the better the result, but this has to depend greatly on the quantity of blooms at one's disposal. I have seen as many as a hundred in one wreath.—London Times.

PINES FOR HER DEAD.

MRS. MCKINLEY CRUSHED UNDER HER GREAT SORROW.

President's Widow Spends Her Days Thinking Only of the Past and Awaiting the Messenger of Death—Life Has No Interest for Her.

The saddest woman in all the land today is its former happy "first lady," Mrs. McKinley, who in the sorrowful atmosphere of her home on North Market street, Canton, is pathetically solving the poet's problem of "living on earth with her heart in the grave." For her the world, as she formerly knew it and had lived in it, is no more. Its sunshine and its joys, its pleasures and its allurements, its ambitions and its glories make no appeal to her. The sun of her life has set—extinguished by the infamous deed in Buffalo's Temple of Music—and she sits in the darkness, thinking of past splendors and happy joys and bathing her soul in the reflected rays of memory. Her world is now her home and the cemetery; Westlawn Cemetery, where in the family plot her two children lie and the vault where soldiers stand sentinel over the dust of her hero and idol and the nation's martyr.

Throughout her life, from the time when as Ida Saxton she pledged her faith to William McKinley, she was wrapped up in him. While inspiring him with her own sublime faith in his abilities and in heaven, she learned, on account of physical feebleness, to lean upon him and they grew up in happy, wedded life in as close a companionship of spirit as the ivy and the

turns to the family plat where her children lie and then she returns to her home, where ever before her eyes is the memory of two children stricken in infancy and the image of him, cut down like a flower in the zenith of his powers and usefulness, and at the height of his political fame.

She has no desire in life now save to die and be with him. This feeling she expressed soon after the funeral and the same feeling burns in her longings still. To those around her she speaks little. She sits silent, contemplative, with fixed eyes and pathetic face, her thoughts being ever on him who is gone. Her sister, Mrs. Barber, constantly attends her, but the most assiduous care cannot recall her mind from her own and the nation's supreme tragedy.

She has lost all interest in the little domestic labors that formerly enabled her to forget that she was an invalid. It was her custom to embroider and to knit slippers and turn out many other kinds of handiwork. These little articles she used to give to her friends as presents. Sometimes they went to bazars when money was being raised for charity. But she knits and embroiders no more. The pastime so long delightful to her no longer appeals. All her thoughts are attuned to one heart chord and that vibrates only to the memory touch of William McKinley.

Similarly, in former times, Mrs. McKinley loved music and was as happy as a school girl in the midst of little family functions and the quiet entertainments furnished by her friends. But these, too, are of the past. She no longer cares for them. It is doubtful if she ever thinks of them. Her mind has but one subject and that subject absorbs all her thoughts, waking and sleeping.

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND.

Old Customs are Religiously Observed in the County Houses.

In some parts of England, curiously enough, to this day it is believed that if more ivy than holly is used in the Christmas decorations the wife "will wear the breeches" for the ensuing year. An old farmer was once seen pulling down the ivy which the kitchen was decorated with, "I'll ha' none of this," he whispered to his squire. In Yorkshire, too, they have the beautiful superstition that Christmas is the one feast of the year in which the fairies may rejoice; they may hear the Holy Name without having to flee and hide, and they have been heard to cry, "Ho, ho, ho!" "Once a little child, we are told, is forgotten by some mischance, and was heard weeping and wailing up and down the house, though none saw him till White Sunday. Speak of this to an old woman in Devonshire, she will assure you that the fairies had left the child "for no purpose." If anyone had had wit to sprinkle (christen) him he never would have gone back to his people, but would become a Christian child.

The holly used for decorations, both in church and house, should have been on Cauldwell's eve, or mistletoe, will come on parish or people. In taking down holly in some parts of England it is thought unlucky to prick the finger if blood comes, but if a leaf stick to dress or coat it is a good omen. On old days a branch of holly picked on Christmas was as efficacious as the rowan, or mountain ash, in protecting from witches and warlocks or evil spells. A twig, brought from a church, might be kept, like the Easter tree, for a domestic purpose. Your cattle, too, will thrive, if you fasten up a bit of holly in stall or manger or fold, that God's creatures may rejoice in man on the anniversary of His birth.

FIRESIDE GAMES FOR YULETIDE.

A Custom Due to Bashfulness Which Should be Frowned Upon.

The observance of Christmas without the games on Christmas eve and Christmas night is a thing not even to be considered as a possibility, and, whether the mistress is to be held responsible for it or not, it is certain that all kinds of old-fashioned "kissing" games are allowed and allowable on this one festival of the year.

Just why pretty girls should set aside a single day when they will allow themselves to be kissed—in public—is a problem too deep to be solved by any male and mortal mind, but it is a fact, and young and old will celebrate the day with the good old hearty games of "Clap In and Clap Out," "Postoffice," "Snap and Catch on," "Drop the Handkerchief," and the numerous brood of mirth-provoking sports which result in the "forfeits" so often paid for "kissing by the postoffice," bowing to the witniest and kissing the one you love best.

A means subterfuge of bashful boys and girls is to apply the last part of the sentence to the kissing either their father or their mother. This must be sternly discommenced and ruled down by every Santa Claus judge and jury. It is an evasion, if not a violation, of a Christmas law, and deserves severe punishment, even to the point of actually indicating the one who shall be the recipient of the osculatory salutation.

Among the Christmas games that have made and will make generations of who-said-when-wooden-benches-and-benches-laugh the hearty laugh that is best aid to the digestion of a Christmas dinner are "shouting proverbs," with its hoarsest fun, and the quieter game of "proverbs" which all persons have assigned to them a word from the proverb selected, and in reply to a question by the one who is "it" must weave the word into the response. Proverbs should be selected that contain common words such as:

"Man's work from sun to sun."

"Woman's work is never done."

Or, "He that will not when he may."

"When he will he shall have us!"

Of course, "Going to Jerusalem" will play a prominent part in the revels of the night, and if the hostess is wise there will be candy-pulling and corn-popping. A charming and never looks as well as she does when her little hands are absolutely helpless as the "pulls" candy, and if any young gentleman is mean enough to take advantage of her defenceless condition and kiss her, then let him suffer the punishment which he will have brought upon himself.

Charades are as inseparable from a Christmas merry making as the royal plum pudding itself, and a certain may be arranged in any parlor by securing a piece of gas pipe long enough to go across the room, and placing one end of it two wooden blocks with a padlock and fired against the wall. This obviates the necessity of breaking either the paper or the plaster.

One word of warning to the actors—do not waste time in preparing yourself to appear on the stage and do not depend so much on the words you speak as on your acting to convey the desired idea. "Dumb Crambo" is delicious fun, and should not be omitted from any well-arranged Christmas programme. In an old-fashioned Christmas game the players are divided into two groups, one of which stays in the room, while the other retires to the hall.

Each of the hall party in turn imitates the sound of some animal—a cat, a dog, a cow or a pig, and each member of the party in the room is allowed to guess as to who has given the imitation, and, in case of doubt, what the animal imitated was. Failure is, of course, paid by a forfeit.

If your home is large enough by all means have at least one game of "Hide and Seek," and one of "Blind Man's Buff." Then there is still to be remembered "Pussy Wants a Corner" and the "Fruit Basket." A good old game is "Star, Coach," and the narrator of the story should be a "blind" man, and the quickest-witted member of the party. For much and tumble-fun suited to parties of small boys who are possible football players in the future there is nothing like a "scramble" for peanuts. The average small boy would rather "scramble" for peanuts than have a half a peck of the "Italian national fruit" poured into his lap.

As a finale do not forget that there is only one real dish to a Christmas evening party, a "Virginia Reel." And so it is that there are no spectators who spend the innocent evening that they do not know how to dance. Everybody can dance a "Virginia Reel" and if any one refuses exercise the right of making good the saw, which may be read for the evening: "These who can 'reel' and 'waltz' won't 'reel' must be made to 'reel'."

A Yuletide Favor.

The holidays are not far distant, and a suggestion is a pretty favor for a Christmas merriment is a sled, made of pasteboard and covered with red satin. On the top of this is a spray of holly or tinsel, and a tiny bunch of red artificial holly. If it is desired to make this a useful article a cloth pad may be attached to the inner side of the sled, and used as a needlecase. It could also be used as a pin-cushion by sticking pins around the edge of it.

—Stations on the Russian railway in Manchuria are placed eighteen miles apart without reference to the location of towns.



MRS. MCKINLEY.

oak. The oak is now fallen and the ivy is bent and torn, deprived of its support.

In the North Market street house Mrs. McKinley is reminded at every turn of the sorrow that shrouds her life. When her husband was living he was by her side whenever her condition warranted his presence. No matter how heavy might be the cares of State he found time to read to her, and every day before dinner the family Bible was opened and a selection was read. But these thoughtful ministrations are hers no more to enjoy, and she turns from the kind offices which others would pay to commune with the dead.

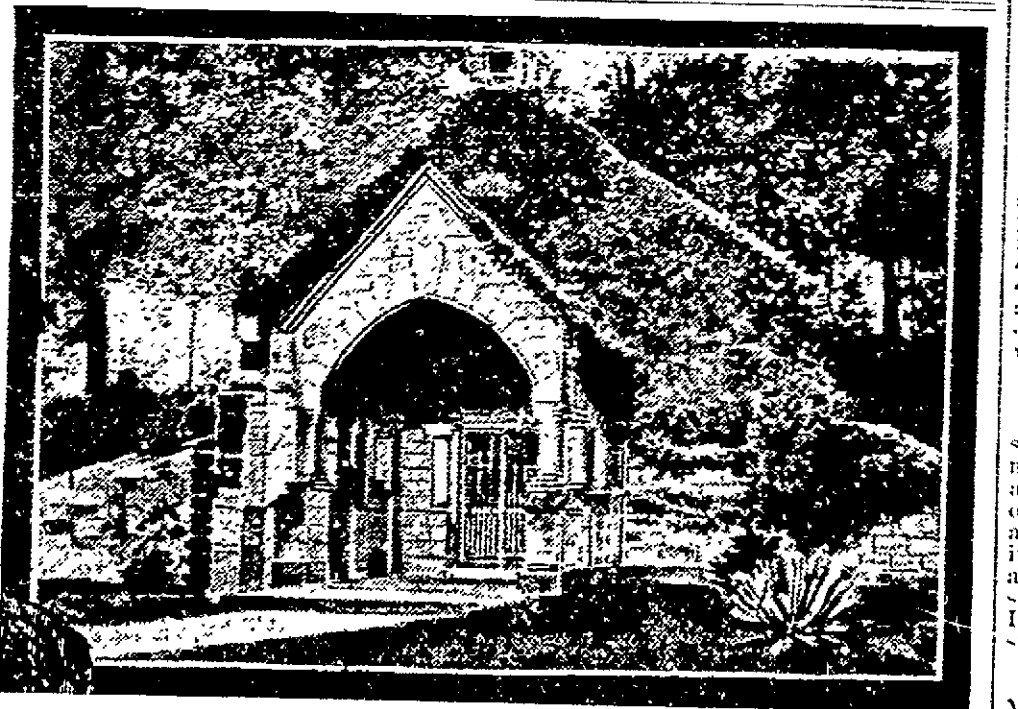
After the President's funeral it was Mrs. McKinley's custom to go daily to the vault and sit for a time by the casket. A rocking chair was placed there for her accommodation, and a strip of carpet was spread on the floor, lest the lamplight might injure her health. Her friends feared that these visitations might induce cold and more serious consequent sickness, and recently they importunities prevailed to this extent that Mrs. McKinley is now satisfied to drive to the tomb, whose gloomy walls and dark recesses her earnest, pleading eyes seem to pierce. From the tomb she

As to her physical health, she is as well now as at any time in many years. That is, she is in her normal state of invalidism. But it is not her mere physical condition that gives the most anxiety. Some day it is feared the awful load of sorrow that weighs upon her mind will prove too heavy and her life will go out at the same time. Here indeed is a melancholy, pathetic widowhood. Her frail body submits to the encroachments of time, but her heart is divorced from it and lies buried in the grave.

Bank Note of Ancient Make.

One of the most valued treasures of the Asiatic museum at St. Petersburg is a bank note which dates from 1399 B. C., and which is said to be the oldest such note in existence. It bears the name of the imperial bank, the date and number of issue and the signature of a mandarin, together with a list of punishments for forgery. This relic is probably written, for printing from wooden tablets is said to have been introduced in China in the year 160 A. D.

Ever remark the fool things apparently sensible people will do?



MCKINLEY'S TOMB AT CANTON.

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Concerning Fire Protection.

During a talk with Jacob Lutz, chief of the east side fire department, when the matter of bettering the condition of the fire companies in this city and consequently affording better fire protection was discussed, that gentleman expressed it as his opinion that the best way to make an efficient service in this city would be to have a centrally located fire engine house, either on the east or west side, with three paid men always in attendance. Then when an alarm was turned in the company could not only get out in short order but upon arriving at the fire would be able to do something, even if the remainder of the company did fail to respond promptly. A team would be kept in waiting also, which would greatly expedite matters.

Mr. Lutz is also a firm believer in the efficacy of a good fire alarm system and criers in support of his claim that at the last disastrous fire the ringing of the fire bell was not sufficiently loud to wake the firemen, and so several of them slept through the whole thing and never knew there was a fire until they came down to work on the following morning. Mr. Lutz also explained that a fire alarm system would enable the companies to hold some sort of an intelligent practice, as a practice alarm could be turned in at any unexpected moment, and the firemen thus called out and put through a fire drill, and some knowledge gained thereby.

Ernest Oberbeck, who was one of the originators of the west side fire company, and who probably worked as hard as any man to bring up the standard of efficiency of the company, was interviewed on the matter of fire protection on Tuesday. Mr. Oberbeck was inclined to think that the Tribune had been rather harsh in its treatment of the firemen but at the same time admitted that reforms were necessary and that they could not be made too soon for the welfare of the city.

It certainly was not the intention of the Tribune to find fault with the men that form the companies. At the same time, there is no need to handle a matter of this kind with gloves. The firemen cannot get out promptly if they have not the facilities that are instrumental in assisting all fire companies to be prompt. It does no good to have the men around if there are no means of getting the apparatus to the scene of operations. Neither can a man be blamed if he is at home and asleep and the alarm that is sounded is not sufficiently loud to awaken him. It is to overcome these difficulties that the improvement should be made.

Walter J. Dickson, chief of the west side fire company, on being interviewed on the matter, stated that he thought some changes were necessary before the company could do itself justice at a fire. He thinks that it would be a good thing if a strable were built close to the engine house and an automatic harness furnished for the team. Also that the driver sleep close at hand so that he could be on the ground immediately when an alarm was turned in. He states that the firemen are generally at the house in sufficient numbers to handle the apparatus before the team is out, and with better facilities for getting the team out much of the delay would be avoided.

Mr. Dickson does not think there would be any great benefit to the system in having three paid men, as this would not be enough in his opinion to handle the apparatus, and if they got out ahead of the rest of the company they would be compelled to wait until the volunteer men got on the ground. Mr. Dickson also thinks that the city teams should to a certain extent be under the supervision of the chief of the fire department and he could then say far the team should be allowed to work from the engine house during the daytime. He is also strongly in favor of a fire alarm system: some means of notifying the men that an alarm had been turned in, and of awakening them if the alarm occur at night. Two weeks ago when the run was made to the north end of the city by the west side company a stream was playing on the fire in just ten minutes after the alarm was sounded. The distance was over one mile, and the time made was certainly good for a volunteer company, and shows that with the team handy the men can get to the fire in good time.

A meeting was held by the prominent business men of the city, week before last for the purpose of discussing the matter of improving our fire protection. The Tribune men knew nothing of this meeting until long afterward, but it is reported that a committee was appointed to ask the city council for needed improvements along this line, and no doubt they will be forthcoming.

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A Freak of Nature.

A. Radloff, the popular hotel man of Spencer, has presented the Times with a natural specimen resembling in appearance Jean Shepherd's hodge. It is a potato about five inches long, around which, an inch or more back from one end, firmly imbedded, is a band of iron resembling a small boot shoe, but jettierly closed. The band of iron is perhaps three inches in diameter with a hole an inch in size through the center. Through this hole the potato grew, forming itself into the likeness of some unnatural looking animal with a collar about its neck. It's not much of a trick to grow a large cucumber in a small necked bottle, but we believe this is the first instance on record where Mr. Murphy, with eyes enough for a whole family, got into a trap of this kind. It is a curiosity worth looking at and can be seen by calling at this office.—Marshfield Times.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, loss of appetite. Try it. Only 50 cts. Guaranteed. For sale by Johnson & Hill Co. and John E. Daly.

Rosander-Hallberg.

Rev. Carl Rosander of Prentice and Miss Elfrida Hallberg of Sigel were married on Thursday at Bethesda Lutheran church, at five o'clock. A reception was held at the home of O. J. Ecklund after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Rosander will be at home at Prentice after January 1st.

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Report of the Financial Condition

Of the Bank of Nekoosa, located at Nekoosa, State of Wisconsin, at close of business on the 10th day of December, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 4,576.40
Furniture and fixtures.....	711.89
Bonds, stocks and securities.....	50.00
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	129.50
U. S. and National currency on hand.....	385.00
Specie.....	684.00
Receivables and other.....	54.37
Expenses.....	148.82
Total.....	\$ 6,745.13

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$ 4,000.00
Deposits.....	1,094.61
Due to banks and bankers.....	1,112.52
Earnings.....	52.97
Total.....	\$ 6,745.13

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss.

COUNTY OF WOOD, ss.

I, C. L. Stephens, cashier of the above named Bank of Nekoosa, Wisconsin, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1901.

Correct—Attest: HENRY E. FITCH, Notary Public, Wood County, Wis.

Report of the Financial Condition of

The Bank of Grand Rapids, west side, located at Grand Rapids, State of Wisconsin, at close of business on the 10th day of December, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$26,291.96
Overdrafts.....	6,655.29
Other Real Estate.....	125.00
Bonds, Stocks and Securities.....	1,500.00
Cash items.....	3,121.66
Checks on other Banks.....	4,702.21
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	12,965.17
U. S. and National Currency on hand.....	1,724.10
Specie.....	6,814.09
Receivables and other.....	115.47
Expenses.....	3,295.52
Total.....	\$54,154.62

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	3,192.15
Undivided Profits less loss and expense account.....	6,820.39
Deposits.....	17,462.09
Due to banks and bankers.....	128,860.99
Total.....	\$54,154.62

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss.

COUNTY OF WOOD, ss.

I, Isaac P. Witter, vice president of the above named Bank of Grand Rapids, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1901.

Correct—Attest: J. W. COCHRAN, Notary Public, Wood County, Wisconsin.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

Wood County Court—In Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Frank Raelie sr., deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Clara Briers, administrator representing among other things that he fully was administered the said estate, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing his account of his administration and that the residue of the said estate be assigned to such persons as are by law entitled to the same:

It is ordered, That said application be heard before me, at my office in the city of Grand Rapids, on the 21st day of January, 1902 at 10 o'clock a. m.

And it is further ordered, That notice of said application and hearing be given to all persons interested, by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks in the Grand Rapids Tribune, a newspaper printed in said county, before the day fixed for said hearing.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1901.

By the Court, JOHN A. GAYNOR, County Judge.

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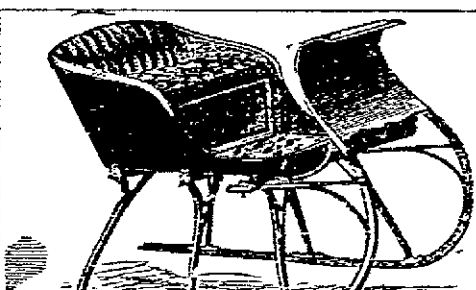


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We still have a few carloads to select from and if you should happen to be in need of anything in this line you cannot do better than to call on us. Our stock comprises Hard Coal, Soft Coal, and Wood Heaters, Cook Stoves and Ranges. We handle the Famous Round Oak Heaters.

Xmas Presents.

We have many useful and beautiful articles suitable for Holiday gifts. Among these you will find granite ware, fine cutlery of all kinds, nickle plated ware for the housewife, games for the children, and many articles we cannot enumerate here.

CENTRALIA HARDWARE COMPANY,
West Side Grand Rapids, Wis.

SUPPLEMENT
TO
Grand Rapids Tribune
Grand Rapids, Wis., Dec. 21, 1901.

County Board Proceedings.
(Continued from last week.)

GRAND RAPIDS, Wis., Nov. 19, 1901.
Court House, 2 o'clock p. m.
Board met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Chairman John J. Jono.

Roll was called and a quorum found present.
On motion reading the journal was dispensed with.

Supervisor Brazeau of the judicial committee reported favorably on the bill for Dr. W. H. Budge for \$1.20. On motion same was allowed.

Supervisor Brazeau of the special committee on bills for printing caucuses notices in 1900 reported as follows:

Drum & Sutor \$18.25
Marshall News \$16.00
Marshall Times \$16.00
R. E. Walters \$22.00
A. L. Fontaine \$22.00

On motion same were allowed as reported.
District Attorney Wiperman reported on Gerwing's fees—State vs. Chas. Thuss—and recommended that same be allowed in full.

Balance allowed in full.
On motion same was adopted.
Supervisor Scott, chairman of the committee on Public Property reported as follows:

To the Board of Supervisors of Wood County, Wisconsin.
GENTLEMEN:—Your committee on public property to whom was referred the following entitled claims, would respectfully report that we have had the same under consideration, and after a careful examination of all items contained therein, recommend that the several amounts as set forth in this report be allowed each claimant respectively, to-wit:

Name of claimant	What claimed	Amount allowed
Wood Co. Drug Co., linseed oil	2 68	2 68
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	20 00	20 00
J. W. Natwick, 1 couch, 12 chairs	50 30	50 30
Electric & Water Co., elec. lights	30 00	30 00
Wood Co. Telephone Co., phone	30 00	30 00
Apr. May and June	14 50	14 50
M. A. Bogger, furniture	73 73	73 73
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	18 00	18 00
Jos. L. Cotey, painting barn	15 00	15 00
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	50 00	50 00
Mrs. John Hamlin, sunds	11 02	11 02
W. L. Linn, work and glass	11 05	11 05
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Jos. Lavigne, work and water supply	30 00	30 00
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	50 00	50 00
Kellogg Bros. L. Co., lumber	10 55	10 55
Johnson & Hill Co., sunds	5 30	5 30
Central Hdw. Co.	7 75	7 75
Geo. W. Baker	7 30	7 30
John E. Daly	7 30	7 30
Mrs. N. Erner, cleaning c house	8 25	8 25
E. C. Ketchum, ice for c house	3 00	3 00
J. W. Natwick, stool for treas.	2 25	2 25
Callaghan & Co., Wis. reports	125 00	125 00
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It was moved that the report be adopted and the bills allowed as reported on.

Supervisor John Rausch, chairman of the committee on county poor farm and county poor accounts, read the annual report of the superintendents of the poor, as follows:

To the Honorable, The County Board of Supervisors of Wood County, Wisconsin.
GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, superintendents of the poor for Wood County, herewith submit our 17th annual report for the year ending November 12, 1901. The following is the schedule of the arrivals and departures of inmates of the farm for the year:

Name	Arrivals	Departures	Days
Wm. Reeves	Nov. 8	365	
German Blanchard	do	365	
Aldie Reeves	do	365	
Mrs. R. F. Moulton	do	365	
Celia Pail	do	365	
George Reeves	do	365	
Chas. Reeves	do	365	
John Manske	do	365	
Peter Petersen	do	365	
Peter Giverson	do	365	
Christ Klovansky	do	365	
Peter Lilly	do	365	
Chas. Schultz	do	365	
Aug. Tennant	do	365	
Mary McCormick	do	Nov. 14	
Catie Weinert	do	May 6	
John Glesner	do	365	
Carl Kuchler	do	365	
John Malone	do	365	
John McKinzie	Jan. 12	May 21	129
Mrs. Norvansae	Jan. 19	29	10
E. Beaman	Apr. 5	pr. 6	31
Louis Haler	Apr. 9	pr. 20	11
Catie Vemert	Aug. 15	Sept. 20	37
Wm. Haden	Sept. 29	32	3
Altha Barbe	Oct. 8	Oct. 28	13
Oscar Johnson	Oct. 14	Oct. 28	13
			6,578

From the foregoing it appears that during the year twenty-six (26) have been cared for at the Poor Farm; seventeen (17) at the beginning and nineteen (19) at the close; six (6) have departed and two (2) have died.

The expenses of the farm for the past year have been as follows:

For provisions and dry goods	\$703 25
Hay and pasturage	49 20
Hardware and repairs	20 00
Farm labor and threshing	281 50
Overseer's salary	600 00
Blacksmithing	20 00
Medical Services and Burial	116 00
Railroad fare and expenses	101 15
	\$2,051 11

There are supplies and products now on hand as follows:

112 bushels rye	\$5 52
118 bushels oats	49 20
542 bushels rye and oats	239 32
65 bushels buckwheat	39 00
105 bushels Stray Beauties potatoes	54 00
615 bushels potatoes	338 25
15 bushels carrots	6 00
8 bushels beets	2 10
9 bushels beans	18 00
10 bushels onions	52 50
1800 heads cabbage	2 10
380 bushels corn	243 00
14 tons tame hay	168 00
10 tons clover hay	50 00
250 bushels turnips	180 00
5 loads pumpkins	5 00
45 tons marsh hay	270 00
11 tons rye straw	22 00
12 tons oat straw	24 00
10 tons corn stalks	30 00
8 cords 16 in. hard wood	24 00
25 cords 16 in. poplar wood	20 00
240 cords stump wood	180 00
3 bbls soft soap	9 00
3 bbls sour kraut	12 00
40 gallons syrup	8 00
65 lbs Japan tea	16 00
25 lbs coffee	8 00
1 bbl. pork	17 00
100 lbs sugar	15 12
100 lbs kerosene	12 00
500 lbs pork	324 00
15 quarts strawberries	25 00
15 quarts blueberries	20 00
15 quarts raspberries	20 00
4 quarts blackberries	80 00
24 quarts peach s	6 50

There has been sold from the farm during the past year:

754 cucumbers	\$25 19
15 bushels onions	35 58
34 bushels potatoes	34 00
15 bushels carrots	15 00
32 lbs butter	13 53
3 hogs	63 00
	\$201 10

During the year the following valuable and needed improvements have been made, adding an equal amount to the farm:

Putting 101 stumps	\$5 50
Grubbing and breaking one acre	15 00
	\$65 50

In considering the cost per diem in keeping the County Poor on the farm during the year the items of products on hand, permanent improvements made, and products sold off from the farm, should be deducted from the amount of goods purchased and the amount on hand at the beginning of the year we find a balance of \$1,519.58, or a cost per diem of each pauper of about 24 cents.

Inventory of articles pertaining to the Poor Farm was taken by us on the 8th day of November, 1901, and consisted of the following items:

5 horses	\$520 00
12 cows	300 00
2 heifers, three years old	40 00
1 bull	50 00
9 calves, 1 year old	50 00
6 calves	30 00
18 pigs	57 00
1 horse	30 00
40 chickens	4 00
12 ducks	24 00
6 geese	18 00
5 turkeys	4 50
5 harnesses	60 00
Farm tools and implement	973 00
Household bedding and furniture	1030 00

Temporary relief has been given in a number of cases as shown by the following:

Groceries, dry goods and provisions	\$2,207 26
Medical attendance and medicine	643 58
Funeral expenses	45 00
Railroad fare, hotel bills and livery	45 00
	\$2,945 84

The above amounts paid for outside relief was divided among the different districts as follows:

District	Number one	Number two	Number three	Number four	Number five
Jas. Goehls, Grand Rapids City	\$6 00				
Mrs. J. E. Fuld, Grand Rapids City	18 00				
T. B. Huey, Grand Rapids City	18 00				
Mrs. Schusky, Grand Rapids City	5 40				
Jeff Miller, Grand Rapids City	3 70				
Martha Beider, Grand Rapids City	3 70				
Frank Buchanan, Adams County	5 75				
Sam Mervin, Saragosa	2 65				
Thos. Noyan, Grand Rapids City	8 00				
Jos. Dupree, Grand Rapids City	14 00				
Alfred Bergsten, Arpin	14 00				
M. S. Mathias, Arpin	78 51				
Jos. Potvin, Fort Edwards	2 50				
Barney St. Dennis, Rudolph	1 00				
Faid Dr. O. T. Hougou on contract	19 50				
Faid for livery	7 00				

Of this amount \$5.73 was for aid given to Frank Buchanan, a resident of Adams County.

District Number 2, under the supervision of L. E. Colvin.

Mrs. Ed. Erickson, Dexterville	\$76 00
Mrs. Ed. Halverson, Dexterville	69 00
A. Baldwin, Dexterville	4 25
Mrs. J. A. Dexterville	73 00
Edw. Hougou, contract as doctor	73 00
W. C. McGlynn, board for Mrs. Notoke	1 00
Jere Malone, livery to Poor Farm with John Malone	3 00
Mrs. William, Pitts, livery	2 00
Mrs. Brothe, Hansen	1 94
Wm. Noiden, paid fare for unknown party from Dexterville to Junction, order of Supt. of Poor	1 15
Mrs. Meacham, Hansen	84 00
Railroad fare, livery and hotel bill	16 41
A. H. Morse, contract as doctor	25 00

\$436 75
\$532.00 of this amount should have been paid in 1900, but bill was not presented.

District Number 3, under the supervision of G. L. Strang.

Mrs. Nema, Marshfield City	\$40 00
Mrs. Lasher	30 00
Mrs. Porter	20 00
Mrs. Ball	20 00
John Grasep	15 00
Mrs. Miller	15 00
Mrs. Allen	15 00
C. Woodman	10 00
Mrs. Bruha	39 00
John Noiden	60 00
Wm. Whalen	60 00
Mrs. Hadsden	60 00
Mrs. Swartz	56 00
John Hagenius	56 00
Mrs. Hildorf	56 00
Fred Shugler	30 00
Anna Haden	36 00
Mrs. Sagala	36 00
Mrs. Young	36 00
Mrs. Beine	36 00
John Klein, Waushara County	101 00
Mrs. Benwickson, Auburndale town	48 50
John Keneda	32 00
Mrs. Meyers	57 00
John Lausner, Sherry Town	11 98
H. Nelson, Sherry Town	11 98
Sophia Oaks, Town Carson, Portage Co.	60 00
Mrs. Meliskey, Milladore	57 11
Mrs. S. Kel. Milladore	25 00
The Abbie child, Milladore	25 00
John Barclay, Hewitt	141 84
Mrs. Stevenson, Town Lincoln by ord	82 63
Mrs. Hudson, Marshfield City, by McLess	14 12
Celia Bass, Town Rock	142 65
Doc. Angel, Town Rock	202 64
Doctor's livery	35 00
Railroad fare and hotel bill	100 00
	19 52

Total \$221 40

Of this amount \$112.50 was paid for aid given to non-resident poor people as follows:

Mrs. Sophia Oaks, Portage County	\$64 00
John Klein, Waushara County	48 50
	\$112 50

I would further call your attention to the fact that the above amount of \$2,221.40, one hundred and twenty-one dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$2,121.79) was contracted for in 1900 by E. G. McLees, who was superintendent of the poor at that time.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your honorable body for consideration.

Dated at Grand Rapids, Wis., Nov. 14, 1901.
L. E. COLVIN,
GEO. I. STRANG.

It was moved that the report be spread on the minutes and placed on file.

The following is the report of the committee on poor house and poor accounts.

It was moved that the above report be adopted unless objected to.

To the Board of Supervisors of Wood County, Wisconsin.

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee on county poor farm and county poor accounts to whom was referred the following entitled claims, would respectfully report, that we have had the same under consideration, and after a careful examination of all items contained therein, recommend that the several amounts as set forth in this report be allowed each claimant respectively, to-wit:

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Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	20 00	20 00
J. W. Natwick, 1 couch, 12 chairs	50 30	50 30
Electric & Water Co., elec. lights	30 00	30 00
Wood Co. Telephone Co., phone	30 00	30 00
Apr. May and June	14 50	14 50
M. A. Bogger, furniture	73 73	73 73
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	18 00	18 00
Jos. L. Cotey, painting barn	15 00	15 00
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	50 00	50 00
Mrs. John Hamlin, sunds	11 02	11 02
W. L. Linn, work and glass	11 05	11 05
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	50 00	50 00
Electric & Water Co., elec. lights	30 00	30 00
July, Aug. and Sept.	30 00	30 00
Wood Co. Telephone Co., Sept. 28	13 50	13 50
Robt. Farish & Bro., sunds for Janitor	8 50	8 50
W. L. Linn, glass and labor	13 50	13 50
Jos. Lavigne, work and water supply	30 00	30 00
Ed. Mahoney, Janitor	50 00	50 00
Kellogg Bros. L. Co., lumber	10 55	10 55
Johnson & Hill Co., sunds	5 30	5 30
Central Hdw. Co.	7 75	7 75
Geo. W. Baker	7 30	7 30
John E. Daly	7 30	7 30
Mrs. N. Erner, cleaning c house	8 25	8 25
E. C. Ketchum, ice for c house	3 00	3 00
J. W. Natwick, stool for treas.	2 25	2 25
Callaghan & Co., Wis. reports	125 00	125 00
38 volumes		

Name of claimant	What claimed	Amount allowed
H. A. Lathrop, M. D. chargeable to Town Carson, Portage Co.	32 00	32 00
Rose Bros., outside aid for poor	67 85	67 85
R. H. Lamb	57 00	57 00
E. Connor & Co., outside aid for poor	9 73	9 73
H. E. Welch, outside aid for poor	40 37	40 37
H. Krause & Co., outside aid for poor	30 00	30 00
A. J. Kump, outside aid for poor	57 11	57 11
Ross Hart	4 50	4 50
John Bleker	62 80	62 80
A. J. Child	4 00	4 00
St. Joseph Hospital, outside aid for poor	172 20	172 20
F. L. Steib & Co., outside aid for poor	1 30	1 30
F. Fomaineville, M. D., medical services, to be charged to Adams County	8 00	8 00
Johnson & Hill Co., outside aid for poor	48 29	48 29
John Arpin Lumber Co., outside aid for poor	78 51	78 51
W. Hooper, outside aid for poor	4 42	4 42
Dr. C. A. Boorman, medical service	2 50	2 50
W. L. Bean, outside aid for poor	30 00	30 00
Wm. Downing	4 25	4 25
E. L. Bell, outside aid for poor	40 00	40 00
Dr. Edward Hougou, 1/2 year's salary	40 00	40 00
Spartan, Cole & Lipke, outside aid for poor	61 15	61 15
H. C. Kung, outside aid for poor	45 00	45 00
St. Joseph Hospital, outside aid for poor	5 00	5 00
R. Gustafson, outside aid for poor	100 00	100 00
W. M. Graham, medical services	37 00	37 00
Vreston, horse shoeing	8 25	8 25
Johnson & Hill Co., groceries for poor farm	24 77	24 77
Johnson & Hill Co., groceries for poor farm	200 20	200 20
G. W. Baker, supplies for poor farm	22 11	22 11
Robert Hartz, rent for March	2 25	2 25
James Case, supplies for poor farm	20 00	20 00
James Case, services and K. R. fare	12 04	12 04
James Case, services and K. R. fare	45 58	45 58
C. S. Hart, outside aid for poor	9 11	9 11
Section Bros., medical aid for poor	38 00	38 00
H. Krause & Co., outside aid for poor	6 50	6 50
Grand Rapids Lumber Co., wood for poor farm	29 92	29 92
Adams Bros. M. D., one year's salary	3 00	3 00
Grand Rapids Milling Co., flour	25 00	25 00
W. L. Linn, care of poor farm	142 61	142 61
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A. Kleinheinz, groceries	36 00	36 00
Central Meat Market, meat	21 25	21 25
Duncan Cattle Co., services	3 00	3 00
Dr. C. L. Schultz, coffin	3 00	3 00
L. W. Small, M. D., coffin	163 50	163 50
W. L. Linn, care of poor farm	12 50	12 50
W. L. Linn, care of poor farm	22 00	22 00
Wood Co. Telephone Co., rent	22 00	22 00
Archie McFarley, services	51 00	51 00
McDonald & Brooks, livery	5 00	5 00
Chas. Bender, threshing	3 00	3 00
Gust Schacht, labor	36 00	36 00
McDonald & Brooks, livery	1 50	1 50
Joannes Bros. & Co., livery	43 50	43 50
E. T. McCarthy, blacksmithing	8 70	8 70
Central Meat Market, supplies	40 00	40 00
Wm. Bulbitz, labor	20 00	20 00
Gust Schacht	36 00	36 00
Taylor & Scott, insurance	82 50	82 50
R. L. Paulson, supplies small-pox	52 08	52 08
G. A. Potter	81 25	81 25
Ing. of Sherry, care and cloth-	14 51	14 51
Dr. A. Ellis, services	21 00	21 00
Town of Sherry, services	10 00	10 00
Dr. H. A. Lathrop	25 00	25 00

LOCAL ITEMS.

—2000 pounds of mixed candy, 4 pounds for 25c at G. W. Davis.

The Pittsville Pilot says that Andy Koudson has purchased the saloon of Will McLaughlin at Babcock.

—Rich cut glass at Scott's.

The Grand Rapids Lumber company's mill was closed down on Wednesday on account of the funeral of Mr. Sampson's mother.

—Hawkes cut glass at Chapmans.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Congregational church, west side, will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. C. Rossier.

—Bargains in cut glass at Hirzy's.

H. J. Geise has been appointed secretary of the Equitable and Fraternal union to fill the vacancy made by the removal of Walter Denis from the city.

—Buy your diamonds at Hirzy's and save money.

The tax roll was delivered to the city treasurer on Wednesday. The rate of taxation is \$2.10 on the \$100 valuation, somewhat less than last year.

—Talk with W. G. Scott about that watch you want.

Remember Rev. Shaw's third lecture on "Ideal Citizenship" on Sunday evening at First Congregational church. Subject "The Wealth of Nations."

—Have you seen that fine line of ebony at W. G. Scott's?

Ex-Governor W. H. Upham of Marshfield has been appointed one of the committee on pensions. The committee is an important one on account of the pension office controversy.

—Candy! Candy! Candy! Special mixed, broken mixed, cream mixed and bonbons. G. W. Davis.

Chilton Times: The families of Peter Nennig and Albert Prahm moved this week to Grand Rapids, where they will make their future home. Mr. Nennig has purchased a farm near that city.

—See the fine line of sterling silver tableware at Chapman's.

The railroads have extended their excursion rates for the benefit of teachers so that they may leave for home as soon as school closes and return after the holidays just before school opens.

—Diamond rings from \$5 up to the highest at A. P. Hirzy's.

The pupils in the seventh and eighth grades were treated to a sleigh ride on Friday night of last week by their teacher, A. E. Falk. The children reported a good time in spite of the cold weather.

—Buy a beautiful mantle clock for your wife or mother at Chapman's.

The Elks of this city are stealthily making preparations for a grand blowout sometime in the latter part of January. It is said that the affair will consist of a ball, and more particulars will be forthcoming later.

—Call and see the beautiful sterling and plated table ware at W. G. Scott's.

Cerusing, the new oil-paint substitute of M. Lepine, is a mixture of animal glue and white lead, with a varying proportion of Borax and a little potash or nitric acid. The usual pigments are added for the various colors.

—Fresh peanuts and pop corn in an up-to-date roaster at G. W. Davis.

Mrs. John Anderson of Sigel died on Wednesday of consumption after a lingering illness. The deceased was forty years of age and leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. The funeral occurred on Friday.

—A. P. Hirzy has a nice line of diamonds which will give bargains on over the holidays.

It is announced that two more of our young people are soon to assume the matrimonial yoke and henceforth live in double harness, they being Miss Bessie Price and Guile Smart. The affair to take place on Christmas day.

—For bargains in everything in Holiday Goods don't forget to call on Johnson & Hill Co.

The public schools close today (Friday) and the youngsters will have a vacation until the 6th of January, when the session opens once more. This gives them two whole weeks in which to enjoy the pleasures of the holidays.

—Now is the time to get you a good time piece. You can buy one of Chapman on easy payments.

The Methodist church at Marshfield burned on Thursday morning. The edifice was being remodeled and a fire had been kept in the structure so that the carpenters could work and the fire was discovered about six o'clock in the morning.

—Books! Books! Books!!! An immense assortment cheap at Johnson & Hill Co.'s Drug Dept.

Merchants pretty generally report Christmas trade good during the past week, the good sleighing and general good times making it favorable for the farming trade to get into town. All of the merchants have put in a larger stock than usual this season.

—You can get you a watch that will last a lifetime on easy payments at Chapman's.

The ladies of the St. Katherine's Guild held a sale of Christmas articles at their guild hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The cold weather that prevailed was not conducive to bringing out a large crowd, but they report a fairly good attendance.

—FOR SALE—Four horses, cheap, must be sold at once, or will trade for good livery horse. M. A. BOGGER.

On Tuesday Oliver Akey the real estate man of Rudolph sold 120 acres of wild land, situated in Portage county near Mill creek. Ernest Leicholt bought forty acres and Frank Bengert eighty. The land was owned by Chas. Daly.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wm. Berg will spend Christmas at home.

Nic Berg of Auburndale was in the city on Thursday on business.

Mrs. John Carden has been quite sick the latter part of the week.

A. E. Germer of Dexterville was in the city on Monday on business.

Edwina Berg has returned from Tomahawk to spend a week at home.

Dr. O. T. Hougren made a professional trip to City Point on Thursday.

City Atty. B. R. Goggins transacted legal business at Appleton on Saturday.

Paul Philleo of Tomahawk spent the past week with relatives in this city.

Miss Edith Johnson from Superior is the guest of her cousins the Misses Berg.

Lumberman John Daly spent Saturday and Sunday in Merrill on business.

Harvey Rowland is home from the university at Madison to spend the holidays.

Drs. Frank and Charles Pomainville made a business trip to Arpin on Sunday.

Miss Mary Kromer of West Superior arrives today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Sidney Denis is home from Chicago to spend the holidays with his parents in this city.

Miss Katherine Friese of Merrill was the guest of Miss Aurelia Bandelin over Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Cochran and son William are expected home from Janesville, this Saturday evening.

John Vandriel has accepted a position in the dry goods department of the Johnson & Hill Co.

Misses Berdena and Flo Berg attended the entertainment given by Miss Thomas at Vesper.

E. Schwartz is now the foreman at the Green Bay & Western round house in place of J. Cosgrove, resigned.

Mrs. Chas. Packard and daughter, Mrs. W. C. McGlynn, of Pittsville were in the city shopping on Wednesday.

H. E. Reed of Nekoosa was in the city this week looking up new members for the Mystic Workers of the World.

R. R. Kempter of La Crosse, deputy collector of this district, was in the city on Thursday in the discharge of his business.

Charles Klevane has gone to Apollonia where he has accepted a job as scaler for the Arpin Hardwood lumber company.

Bishop Weller was in the city on Sunday and conducted services at the Episcopal church, and also confirmed a class of five.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Closuit returned to the city last Friday and will go to housekeeping in the house near the Green Bay depot.

Mrs. Maggie Skiby and sons Frank and John are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schanock of the west side this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McLaughlin of Pittsville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughlin in this city the latter part of last week.

Mrs. John Possely returned on Wednesday from Appleton where she had been in attendance at the bedside of a sick sister for the past two weeks.

Rube Lyons is expected home from the Klondike country along about the holidays sometime to spend a part of the winter at least with his relatives here.

C. J. Duzcan left on Tuesday for Jennings, La., where he will visit his parents about three weeks. He expects to return to this city again after completing his visit.

W. E. Ule, of the firm of Ule Bros., of Stevens Point, who did the brick and stone work on the T. E. Nash residence, was in the city a short time Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Paulus expect to spend Christmas at Chilton with Mr. Paulus' mother, after which they start to Washington to spend the remainder of the winter.

Dr. F. D. Humphrey went to Chicago on Tuesday with Mrs. Eugene Sparks who entered the Chicago Homeopathic hospital to undergo an operation at which the doctor assisted.

Matt Frost of Sigel was among the Tribune callers on Thursday. Mr. Frost has about fifty cords of wood which he is engaged in hauling to the city during his spare time.

Merchant Wm. Downing of Dexterville was in the city on Tuesday. Mr. Downing informed us that the Hiles lumber company will put in between five and six million feet this winter.

Mrs. Ethel Kirman Rood and Miss Manser of Stevens Point were down to attend Miss Rood's recital, of Wednesday evening. While here they were entertained by Mrs. Isaac Witter.

Charles Smith, conductor on the Green Bay & Western, has been laid up in the hospital at Green Bay undergoing a surgical operation. It is expected that he will be back to work next week.

Attorney H. E. Fitch of Nekoosa was in the city on Monday, being attorney for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs. P. Van Ruth against George Van Ruth for divorce. The decree was granted.

Mrs. F. J. Cameron and son, Adrian, left for Milwaukee this week and they expect to remain in that city over the holidays, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cameron. They will be joined by F. J. Cameron later.

R. M. Beeston has resigned his position with the Johnson & Hill Co. and Mr. and Mrs. Beeston expect to leave soon for Spring Creek to spend the holidays. Mr. Beeston will go into business elsewhere.

J. E. Ingraham of Babcock was in the city on Tuesday and Wednesday on business. Mr. Ingraham is actively engaged in the real estate business and expects to handle a great deal of land during the coming season.

John M. Compton of Brooklyn, N. Y., now attending the university at Madison, is expected Saturday to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Jones. Mrs. Jones' son, Seth, of Boston is also expected.

Chas. A. Podawiltz was in Marshfield Wednesday evening, where he attended the organization of Herman Bartell Camp and was made one of the trustees of the organization. The camp is an organization of the veterans of the Spanish-American war and starts out with eighteen members and several applications.

High School Notes.

The attendance Monday was a little below the average on account of the cold weather.

The report cards for the second examination were given out recently and most of the students seem satisfied with the first quarter's work.

As a result of the cold snap the building did not get warm Monday until noon but since then it has been quite comfortable.

The expression on the students' faces show that they have been waiting patiently for school to close today (Friday) so they can enjoy their two weeks' vacation.

The football boys intend to have their pictures taken and sent to the Milwaukee Sentinel. The boys played an exceptionally strong game this year winning all four games played and having their goal line crossed only once.

The winter work of the Forum was started two weeks ago and from now on there will be regular weekly meetings. The Freshmen have organized a debating society, they holding their meetings every Tuesday after school. The officers elected were Roy Lester, President; Anna Daly, Vice Pres. and Chas. Lefebvre, secy.

Forum will adjourn this (Friday) evening until January 10, 1902. The following programme will be rendered at Forum this evening:

Music	Roll call.	Glee Club
Reading		Beulah Miller
Declamation		Royal Nash
	Debate.	
Resolved: That all trusts and combinations intended to monopolize industries should be prohibited.		
Affirmative.	Negative.	
Charles Briere	John C. Morgan	
William Teller	Wm. Brown	
Paul Swan	Kenneth Kelly	
Essay	Ophelia Dessiant	
Optional	Lynne Renne	

Society and Club Notices.

The Mission band will meet on Saturday afternoon with Miss Addie Baker.

The Woman's Club will meet next Monday evening with Mrs. Wm. Scott.

The Historical and Literary society will meet on Monday evening with Mrs. Isabelle Philleo.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church, west side, will meet on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. C. Bennet.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church of east side will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Sable.

Excursion Rates

For the holidays via the Green Bay line.

To all stations within 200 miles the G. B. & W. will sell excursion tickets for one and one-third fare for round trip on December 24th and 25th and December 31st and January 1st; limited to January 2d, 1902.

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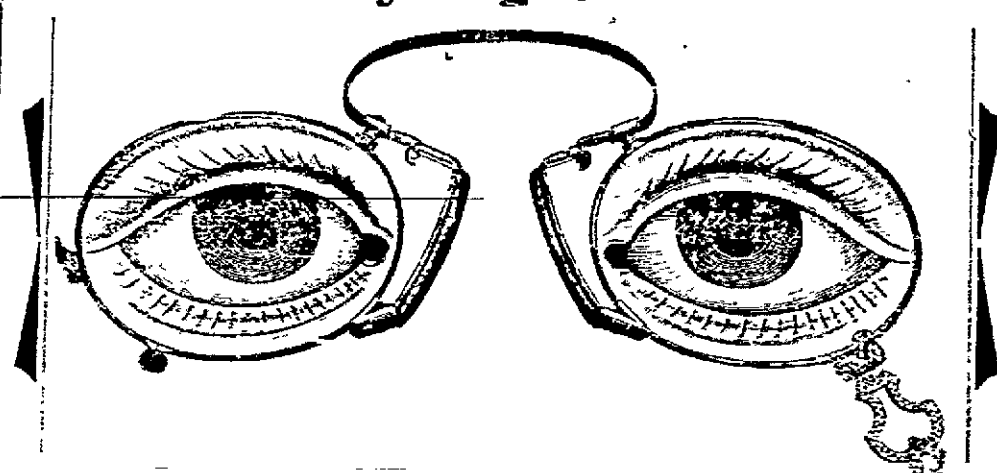
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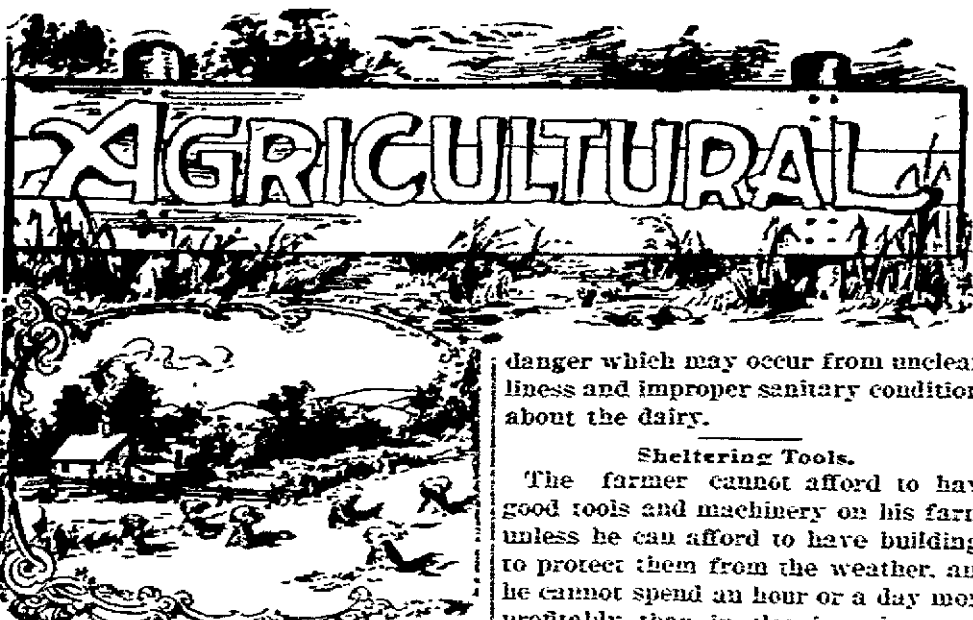
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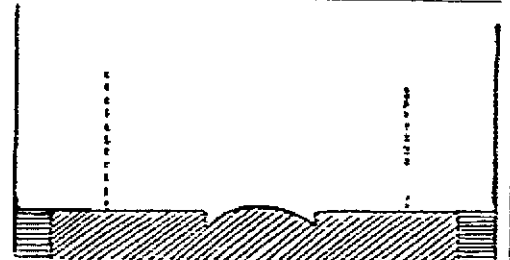
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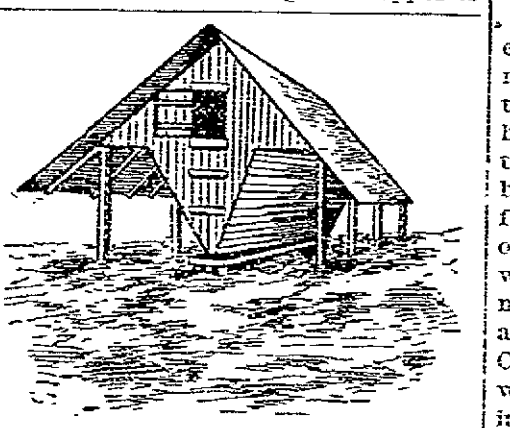


CEMENT FLOOR.

broken stones over it and mix all until the stones are completely covered with a coating of the cement. The surface on which the cement is to be placed should be graded with a slight slope toward the gutter, as shown in the illustration, the plan calling for an arrangement where the cows stand rear to rear, the gutter being in the middle. When the surface is properly graded, spread the mixture over it to the depth of at least four inches, and compact it thoroughly. This filling should be left until partially dried before the top coat is given. The time for drying will depend somewhat on the weather. For the second coat, only the best grade of cement should be used, mixing one part of it dry with three parts of good sand, adding water until a stiff mortar is obtained. This mixture should then be spread over the foundation mixture, and should be about an inch thick. The gutter should be cemented also, and be made with the slightly rounding center. The gutter should slope gradually to one end of the stable, where a vat should be placed to hold the liquid.—Indianapolis News.

Self-Feeder for Cattle.

The Iowa Homestead publishes an illustration of a self-feeder for cattle which a correspondent of that journal built. Above the triangular hopper is



A SELF-FEEDER FOR CATTLE.

a floor with traps in it running the entire length of the building, and the hopper can be replenished from time to time, as occasion requires. Feed can be stored here for bad weather. A door, shown in the illustration, is where the self-feeder is replenished from the wagon when the weather is fine.

Silos and Ensilage.

An exchange says that twenty years ago there were not twenty-five silos in America, and now there are at least a half-million. We will not touch for the accuracy of their figures, but know that they increase rapidly each year. To use an old phrase, they seem to "fill a long-felt want." We are proud to think that we wrote in their favor more than twenty years ago, when many other agricultural writers were either condemning the idea, or had nothing to say about them. The ideas in regard to the variety of corn to raise and mode of growing have changed much in that time, and while then the larger varieties of Western corn were grown and sown thickly to get as large a crop as possible to the acre, with stalks twelve to fifteen feet high, now the majority seem to favor the smaller varieties of field corn, like Longfellow or Compton, and planting at distances that will tend to a good growth of ears, which are allowed to become nearly matured, if not quite glazed over before they are cut. Some even let it become glazed, and then wet it as put into the silo, and claim to have good ensilage.—American Cultivator.

In the Cow Stable.

The cow's stable should have light, ventilation, cleansing, drainage, no offensive matter allowed about the stable, sufficient supply of pure water and wholesome food for the cows. No dairyman should be so negligent as to be responsible for the transmission of disease through the sale of milk for the want of cleanliness. Our best authorities claim that the danger from cow tuberculosis is small compared with the

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to Christmas in lands of fir trees and pine; Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn; Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright; Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to night.

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay; Christmas where old men are patient and gray; Christmas where peace, like a dove in its flight; Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to night.

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all; No palace too great, no cottage too small; The angels who welcomed him sing from the height; "In the city of David, a King is his right!" Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to night.

Then for every heart keep his Christmas; Christ's play for sorrow, Christ's hand for sin; Christ's cure for the weak, Christ's love for the lost; Christ's light of the darkness, Christ's love of the lost; Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to night.

So the stars of the midnight which express a strange story and bear a sweet song; And look! the earth is aflame with the light of the morning, rejoice at the sight! Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to night.—Phillips Brooks.

GREAT OAKS AND LITTLE ACORNS.

A Christmas Story.

It was two weeks before Christmas. The weather had been mild and pleasant until a few days before the story begins. The older folks had predicted an open winter, adding that there are no such seasons now as there were when they were younger. But the winter had started now in earnest and it was cold enough to satisfy the most winter-loving heart. The inhabitants of Allentown were satisfied at any rate.

In the western part of Indiana was Ruby valley, the most beautiful and fertile spot in all the country round. In the midst of this valley Allentown lay, the hills that arose on all sides were covered with walnut and oak. A small cottage, cozy and clean, stood a little removed from the main portion of the town. The small yard was surrounded by a neat fence. A large oak spread its great branches over the tiny house, with a protecting air that seemed to say, "Don't be afraid; I am here to take care of you."

That same oak had stood there for many a year, beaten by storm and rain, shone on by sun and moon alike, but tall and straight as ever. Years ago old Squire Martin had planted it, watching its growth with much interest and often repeating the saying, "Great oaks from little acorns grow." When his sons and daughter became dissatisfied with the farm and the hard work and longed to give it up and go out into the world, he said something to the old man would not let them go. Even that great oak from a little acorn grew; your time, too, will come.

The squire died long ago, but his memory is still green in the hearts of the old folks who can remember him. The old house, even down and the cottage, built some years ago, is now occupied by the squire's granddaughter, a widow with three children.

Mrs. Roderic had been making a scant living for herself and children by sewing for some of the ladies in the town. She was a good worker, but had been so long in the habit of doing so much sewing, that she had almost lost the knack of doing any other kind of work. As for Christmas presents, they were entirely out of the question; she must not entertain the thought for a moment. Last year it was different, but now—

Clyde, a manly boy of 12, felt that he could do without Christmas presents, for he was almost a man. But Dorothy and little Noel, they must have something. What? Christmas without even some candy for them?

"Never mind, mother mine! There are two whole weeks yet. I shall find something to do," he added in a voice of determination, as he picked up his books and started for school.

All that day the thought was in his head. What could he form a stiff batter? Not there were already many new ways than were needed. And he could not black boots. "But there must be something for me to do," he said.

That evening and for many succeeding evenings he was busy. He was thinking that he could make a little money at a Christmas present for Dorothy and the baby. It now lacked only five days until Christmas. Clyde was discouraged but not ready to give up. He had to find out early that the morning might bring something.

"I remember," he said as he climbed to the room where he slept, "mother used to say that her grandfather's favorite saying was 'great oaks from little acorns grow.' I just wish I could find an acorn. Then knowing he asked the Mak-a-corn, the old man who lived in the corner of all good things, he was soon sleeping and dreaming of baby Noel hanging up his tiny coat and laughing in delight when he found a hat Santa Claus had brought him.

All that night the snow fell softly, soft as the touch of a feather, and the trees were soon transformed into ghostly forms. For Clyde slept on unconscious of the good fortune the snow was storing up for him.

The next morning when Clyde looked out upon the beautiful snow, he was pleased. Then, as an idea struck him, he bounded down the stairs. Nobody was awake. Stepping softly, he put on cap and mittens and, taking a shovel, he quickly buried himself into the cold morning air. There was no snow falling now, but the sky was still cloudy.

Going to the different houses, he asked if they did not want him to shovel the snow off their paths. Many, knowing and liking the bright-faced lad and his hard-working mother, gave him the work to do.

The last place he went was to a store of Oscar Alan, grocer. Clyde entered the store and taking off his cap advanced to the desk where Mr. Alan was busy writing and waiting for that gentleman to speak. Mr. Alan was very busy and not disposed to be very amiable over an interruption.

"Well, what is it?" he asked rather gruffly, without looking up.

"If you please, would you like your sidewalk cleaned?" asked Clyde.

"Do I want my sidewalk cleaned, hey? glancing at the boy over his glasses. "Well, yes, I believe I do," he added kindly when he noticed the eager look.

Clyde went to work briskly. "I believe I have found an acorn. It is small, but I think it will grow," he laughed to himself.

Mr. Alan watched Clyde, and then, as he came in glowing from the exercise, said, "That boy will do."

"I thank you, sir," said Clyde as he received his pay.

"You have no school until after Christ-

CHRISTMAS MORNING.



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"Do you?" questioned the storekeeper. "No, sir," was the answer. "How would you like to run errands for the store while you are not at school? Our errand boy is sick. I shall pay you according to your work. What do you say?"

"I say I thank you, and it is very good in you to offer me the place. I accept with pleasure," responded Clyde. "Well, come back after you have had your breakfast and you will find plenty to do."

"I must find out more about him. Why, he looked as pleased as if I had offered him five dollars—more so, for I believe he is too proud for that," soliloquized the merchant.

"My brave boy," she said, "I am very glad you were sure you would succeed and you have."

"Yes, mother, that acorn is growing," he said, and then laughed at his own strange idea. He had his money in the left where he kept it, and then after eating his breakfast he started for the store.

"Indeed, I need not tell you to be honest. You are always that," said his mother. "Remember that an all-seeing eye watches you, though your mother cannot."

"Don't worry about me, mother," he answered, cheerily.

In his few leisure moments that day, Clyde looked around to see what he would buy. There was a beautiful gold-colored doll—Dorothy must have that; how pleased she would be! She had only a rag doll since Melinda had broken her head. There was also a box of soldiers, the very thing for Noel. Clyde could almost see the baby clap his small hands when he saw those gaily-dressed soldiers. That night Clyde went home tired but very happy.

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It was Christmas eve, a time of peace and good cheer on earth and good will to men. Santa Claus, the Christ child in his lovely robe of the bright star that guided the wise men to the far-off town where the Savior lay; thoughts of the dear father who last year was with them but who was now in heaven filled him with a strange peace as he hurried about the crowded streets. The snow was falling fast, and no one seemed to mind. It was Christmas eve.

After the children were in bed, Clyde sat talking to his mother, who had a great deal to say about his work as a helper and meant down the narrow streets, walked through the oak and down the snow in clouds everywhere. The drifts were piled high and one could scarce see where the fences were. Inside the fire glowed and burned brightly; the shining trees on the opposite wall twinkled merrily and reflected the firelight.

"Clyde, I think you had better get another stick of wood," said Mrs. Roderic. Clyde took the lantern and opening the door, stepped out. His foot struck something, a dark object at his feet. It was a basket, it seemed about brought his mother to the door and together they brought the basket in.

With trembling hands Clyde took off the cover. There lay a card: "For Clyde Roderic, from one who appreciates his efforts. A merry Christmas. Beneath was the golden-haired doll, the soldiers, a cap for the baby, a dress for Dorothy, a shawl for mother, a fur cap for himself, and last but not least some candy and nuts."

"Oh, it must have been Mr. Alan, mother. How good of him!"

"Yes, indeed," Dorothy asked me if Santa Claus was coming and cried when I told her I was afraid not," replied Mrs. Roderic.

Clyde was dancing around like a will-o'-the-whisp, with the cap upon his head. "Yes, and I was so discouraged when I lost the money I had begun to think my acorn was not going to grow. But I really think it is growing, don't you mother?"

"Yes, Clyde, yes. But look how late it is!"

"I wish you a Merry Christmas, mother. Soon all was quiet in the cottage. It was Christmas eve, Clyde in his

WHEN CHRISTMAS IS OVER.

The drum in a corner lies forlorn, A hole in its head unattended; While battered and bent is the Christmas horn— Its mission on earth is ended. The skates are mired and covered with rust.

And now to the past are coded: The books, with eagerness once discussed. Regrets on the shelf unneeded. The doll has raised her wardrobe all. Her bed no more is slept on.

But out in the maze of the dim-lit hall She is often rudely stepped on. The candy is only a morsel now. Too stale for further darning; The dried remains of the Christmas tree Are at last reduced to kindling.

The cat and the dog have resumed their ways. After a brief vacation: The cock in his suburban daily bears. Fell many a visitation. For Santa Claus in the neighborhood Of the distant past no longer. And Willie makes up for the time he was good. And Jane is as bad as she chooses.

—Edwin L. Sabin in Leslie's Weekly.

Christmas Comicalities.

Teacher—"Name an animal that has claws, but one we think is very nice." Voice from the tail of the class—"I know!" Santa Claus!—Philadelphia Record.

"Oh, Clarence, do tell me something you would like for Christmas." "Well, I don't want that crazy thing you've been making out of red ribbon and yellow cheesecloth."—Indianapolis Journal.

"John," asked Mrs. Torkins, tearfully, "do you remember the present Mrs. Page gave me last Christmas?" "Yes," replied her husband. "What of it?" "I am almost sure I have sent it to her this year."—Brooklyn Life.

"Yes," said Mr. Hoppeck, "it is very nice to have an economical wife, but when she makes a smoking jacket from her old bathrobe, and tries it with old curtain cord and buttons, from her last winter's jacket, and gives it to her husband for Christmas, it rather jars his ideas of the gaiety and joyousness of the occasion, although the unexpectedness of the gift is as great as usual."

Now Christmas-time once more comes round. With doubt and fear and musing: My heart is in my boots, when faint I'd put it in her stocking. —Harper's Bazar.

"Of course, you can ask Santa Claus for anything you want." "Aren't you afraid, mamma, he might think I have an awful lot?"—Brooklyn Life.

A modest Manayunk maiden says on Christmas eve she always hanes up what-free-calls-her. —Philadelphia Record.

With the approach of the Christmas season many housekeepers are looking up the old recipes for plum pudding and experimenting to get their "hand in" so that no failure may attend the final dish of the feast of feasts. It has often been said that the best recipes are not those to be found in cook books, but are handed down from generation to generation by means of directions written in old notebooks and rendered almost illegible from time and long use.

Many new ingredients have been added to the old-time stock of plum pudding, but those who have tasted the real English suet pudding, as made by the English housekeeper, prefer it to the rich, dark variety which is so universal served at restaurants and homes. The most digestible suet pudding is that which is light in color when done, and is so tender that it will almost break on being sliced. Old English families still cling to the time-honored custom of having the pudding surrounded by flames as it is brought in. Those who do not have the pudding lighted decorate the top with a sprig of holly, on which there are several bright red berries.

SUET PUDDING. Ingredients: Three cups of flour, one cup of suet, two eggs, one cup of seeded raisins, two tablespoonsful of sugar, half a teaspoonful of salt, one spoonful of baking powder and enough milk to make a stiff batter. For the juice of one lemon and a cup of butter, nutmeg, half a cup of sugar, one cup of flour to thicken the whole. For hard sauce, half a pound of butter (not too soft), a teaspoonful of vanilla, two tablespoonsful of cream and all the powdered sugar that these ingredients will take up.

Sift the flour for the pudding and add the dry ingredients. Beat the eggs slightly, add one-half cup of milk and mix with the flour and suet. Add just enough milk to form a stiff batter. Put the pudding in a bag large enough to allow for its increased size when cooked, and place it in water that is boiling rapidly. Let it cook for three-quarters of an hour, never allowing the water to boil, and keep it covered. If it becomes necessary to add more water, let that be brought to a boiling point before putting it in.

For the soft sauce simmer all the ingredients, but half a lemon and flour, together for five minutes, and then thicken with flour. Add the lemon juice and juice just before removing from the fire. The flavor of the lemon will be changed if it is cooked. For the hard sauce rub the sugar into the butter with a silver fork, add the vanilla and cream, then beat for ten minutes. This should be made one hour before serving and put on ice to cool.—New York Tribune.

Quaint English Christmas Customs. Rev. E. J. Hardy, chaplain of some curious Christmas customs and superstitions, both ancient and modern, in the "Presents and Customs," and it is well when "the compliments of the season" are interchanged in the form of gifts, and if these are exchangeable they are no worse but all the better for being that. Barrels of oysters and baskets of fish are sent from London to country towns and other places, and these keep in the game locally by returning presents of pheasants and partridges, to go with fruit and other gifts of value. In Germany some very domestic animals were given Christmas presents, and Santa Claus did not reserve them only for the stockings of the children. This was a nice custom, and no doubt a good one to educate young human beings to be kind to the ass, the cow, and their brother the pig, as Francis Assoluto used to call these animals. Some of the now known jokes and stories who got Christmas boxes of carrots, apples, sugar, rock-cakes and other things which are in the stable what turkey, plum pudding and mince pies are in the dining room. In the barracks rooms of cavalry soldiers I generally find a nice array of the colored paper mottoes which form part of the Christmas decorations the "dint."

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Rev. E. J. Hardy, chaplain of some curious Christmas customs and superstitions, both ancient and modern, in the "Presents and Customs," and it is well when "the compliments of the season" are interchanged in the form of gifts, and if these are exchangeable they are no worse but all the better for being that. Barrels of oysters and baskets of fish are sent from London to country towns and other places, and these keep in the game locally by returning presents of pheasants and partridges, to go with fruit and other gifts of value. In Germany some very domestic animals were given Christmas presents, and Santa Claus did not reserve them only for the stockings of the children. This was a nice custom, and no doubt a good one to educate young human beings to be kind to the ass, the cow, and their brother the pig, as Francis Assoluto used to call these animals. Some of the now known jokes and stories who got Christmas boxes of carrots, apples, sugar, rock-cakes and other things which are in the stable what turkey, plum pudding and mince pies are in the dining room. In the barracks rooms of cavalry soldiers I generally find a nice array of the colored paper mottoes which form part of the Christmas decorations the "dint."

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